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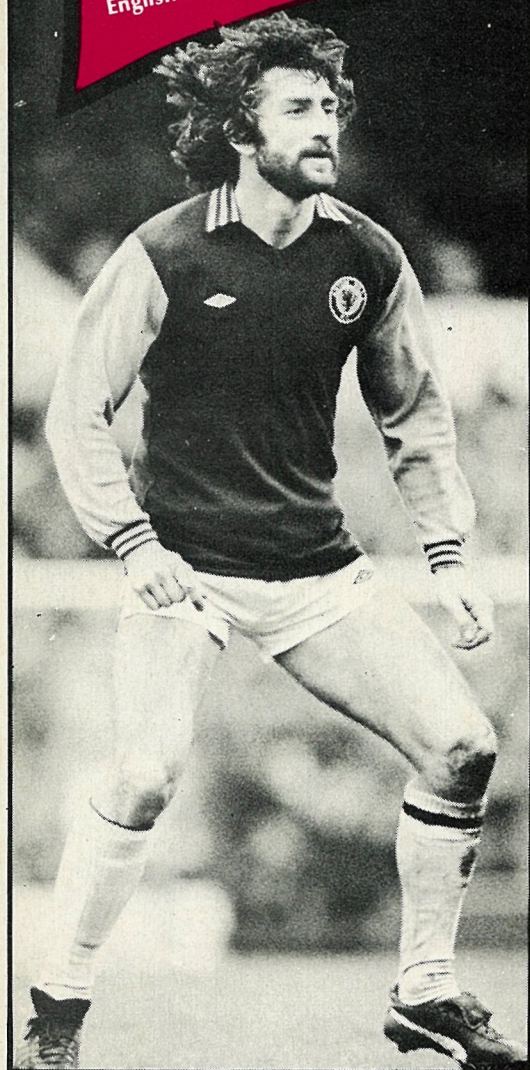
High flier! Southampton's Mike McCartney leaps clear of Ivan Katalinic.

AT mid-day next Tuesday (July 7) in Zurich, Switzerland, the draw takes place for the opening clashes in the battle for European supremacy.

And as our top soccer teams eagerly await news of who their first round opponents will be, we've put together a two page European special.

Dennis Mortimer, skipper of League Champions Aston Villa, and Steve Perryman, captain of FA Cup Winners Spurs give their views on their clubs welcome return to Euro action.

And we trace the European records of all the English and Scottish League clubs.



Dennis Mortimer . . . confident for Villa.

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BRITAIN

ASTON Villa enter the European Cup fray for the first time in their history with skipper Dennis Mortimer claiming: "The best is yet to come."

Says Dennis: "People will be looking at us and saying that Europe is our big test."

"But for my money there is no greater test than winning the First Division Championship."

"And I feel that after last season we can only get better."

"There were a lot of good things to appreciate about the way we played last season, but at the same time there were points we know can be improved upon."

"If we get that improvement we are going to be an even harder team to beat."

Villa's only claim to fame in Europe is two appearances in the UEFA Cup. They were knocked out in the first round in season 1975-76 and reached the quarter-finals two years later.

But while Villa's opposition this time around is sure to be tougher, Dennis is confident the team can do well.

"I feel the balance of the team now is probably a little better suited for Europe even though we don't have that many players with experience of this kind of competition."

"But there can be no doubts about the strength of the team and providing we don't get hit badly with injuries we'll be going in with an optimistic view."

'Villa's best is yet to come'

says Dennis Mortimer

"Obviously I would sooner we avoid a team like Juventus in the first round because it comes pretty soon into the new season. It would be nice to avoid a tough one until we are firmly in the swing of things again."

"Naturally we would love to win the European Cup, but winning the League title again next season would still be priority number one for me."

"But it would be nice to see the cup remain in this country."

To that end a Villa-Liverpool final would be the ideal climax.

And Liverpool — current holders and three-times winners of the European Cup — are sure to be in there again with a shout.

The challenge from abroad includes the following: Anderlecht (Belgium), St Etienne (France), Dinamo Berlin (East Germany), Bayern Munich (West Germany), Juventus (Italy), AZ67 (Holland), Benfica (Portugal), Real Sociedad (Spain).

OUR EUROPEAN RECORD

LIVERPOOL

European Cup: 1964-65 (semi-final), 1966-67 (first round), 1973-74 (second round), 1976-77 (winners), 1977-78 (winners), 1978-79 (first round), 1979-80 (first round), 1980-81 (winners).
Cup Winners Cup: 1965-66 (runners-up), 1971-72 (second round).
Fairs Cup: 1967-68 (third round), 1968-69 (first round), 1969-70 (second round), 1970-71 (semi-final).
UEFA Cup: 1972-73 (winners), 1975-76 (winners).

CELTIC

European Cup: 1966-67 (winners), 1967-68 (first round), 1969-70 (runners-up), 1970-71 (quarter-final), 1971-72 (semi-final), 1972-73 (second round), 1973-74 (semi-final), 1974-75 (first round), 1977-78 (second round), 1979-80 (quarter-final).
Cup Winners Cup: 1963-64 (semi-final), 1965-66 (semi-final), 1975-76 (quarter-final), 1980-81 (second round).
Fairs Cup: 1962-63 (first round), 1964-65 (second round).
UEFA Cup: 1976-77 (first round).

ASTON VILLA

UEFA Cup: 1975-76 (first round), 1977-78 (quarter-final).

SPURS

European Cup: 1961-62 (semi-final).
Cup Winners Cup: 1962-63 (winners), 1963-64 (second round), 1967-68 (second round).
UEFA Cup: 1971-72 (winners), 1972-73 (semi-final), 1973-74 (runners-up).

RANGERS

European Cup: 1956-57 (first round), 1957-58 (first round), 1959-60 (semi-final), 1961-62 (quarter-final), 1963-64 (preliminary round), 1964-65 (quarter-final), 1975-76 (second round), 1976-77 (first round), 1978-79 (quarter-final).
Cup Winners Cup: 1960-61 (runners-up), 1962-63 (second round), 1966-67 (runners-up), 1969-70 (second round), 1971-72 (winners), 1973-74 (second round), 1977-78 (first round), 1979-80 (second round).
Fairs Cup: 1967-68 (quarter-final), 1968-69 (semi-final), 1970-71 (first round).

SWANSEA

Cup Winners Cup: 1961-62 (first round), 1966-67 (first round).

IPSWICH

European Cup: 1962-63 (first round).
Cup Winners Cup: 1978-79 (quarter-final).
UEFA Cup: 1973-74 (quarter-final), 1974-75 (first round), 1975-76 (second round), 1977-78 (third round), 1979-80 (second round), 1980-81 (winners).

ARSENAL

European Cup: 1971-72 (quarter-final).
Cup Winners Cup: 1979-80 (runners-up).
Fairs Cup: 1963-64 (second round), 1969-70 (winners), 1970-71 (quarter-final).
UEFA Cup: 1978-79 (third round).

WEST BROM

Cup Winners Cup: 1968-69 (quarter-final).
UEFA Cup: 1978-79 (quarter-final), 1979-80 (first round).
Fairs Cup: 1966-67 (third round).

SOUTHAMPTON

Cup Winners Cup: 1976-77 (quarter-final).
UEFA Cup: 1971-72 (first round).
Fairs Cup: 1969-70 (third round).

ABERDEEN

European Cup: 1980-81 (second round).
Cup Winners Cup: 1967-68 (second round), 1970-71 (first round), 1978-79 (second round).
Fairs Cup: 1968-69 (second round).
UEFA Cup: 1971-72 (second round), 1972-73 (first round), 1973-74 (second round), 1977-78 (first round), 1979-80 (first round).

DUNDEE UNITED

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Fairs Cup: 1966-67 (third round), 1969-70 (first round) 1970-71 (second round).
UEFA Cup: 1975-76 (second round), 1977-78 (first round), 1978-79 (first round), 1979-80 (second round), 1980-81 (second round).

IN EUROPE

Here's how they line up in Europe

EUROPEAN CUP

Liverpool, Aston Villa, Celtic, Athlone Town, Glentoran.

CUP WINNERS CUP

Spurs, Rangers, Dundalk, Ballymena, Swansea.

UEFA CUP

Ipswich Town, Arsenal, West Brom, Southampton, Aberdeen, Dundee United, Limerick, Linfield.



Spurs skipper Steve Perryman with the FA Cup.

'Spurs can learn from Liverpool' says Steve Perryman

SPURS end their eight year absence from European competition next season . . . eager to make up for the disappointment of the club's last excursion.

In season 1973-74 Tottenham finished runners-up to Dutch side Feyenoord in the final of the UEFA Cup.

And recalling memories of that defeat, Spurs skipper Steve Perryman told Match:

"It was a very sad affair because it was our third season on the trot in Europe and it was to be our last for some years.

"The first leg at White Hart Lane had finished 2-2 and we lost the second leg 2-0.

"But we had a goal disallowed for offside which would have put us 3-2 ahead at the time and while we didn't play that well on the night we felt at times that we were playing against 13 people.

"What made things worse was crowd trouble in Rotterdam."

The year before that Spurs had made it to the semi-final of the

competition and the year previous to that they won the trophy.

Says Steve: "We won two League Cups and the UEFA Cup around that time but I don't think anyone really rated the team.

"We certainly weren't a flashy outfit, but I think we were capable of doing things in Europe because we were secure at the back.

"It's a better side now, but one that can win three or four nil one week and lose by the same score the next.

"I think we'll have to take a leaf out of Liverpool's book there and tighten it up at the back in the away legs.

"At home we should be able to play the game our own way and



Craig Johnston . . . joined Liverpool's European Cup double bid from Middlesbrough.

we might surprise a few teams."

"Certainly everyone is looking forward to European football — not least our two Argentinians, Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa.

"It's important we do well this year and bring as much top class opposition back to White Hart Lane as possible because of all the money being spent on developing the stadium.

"And it will be a good learning process for the younger players in the side who haven't yet played in Europe.

"It was a fantastic experience for me the first time."

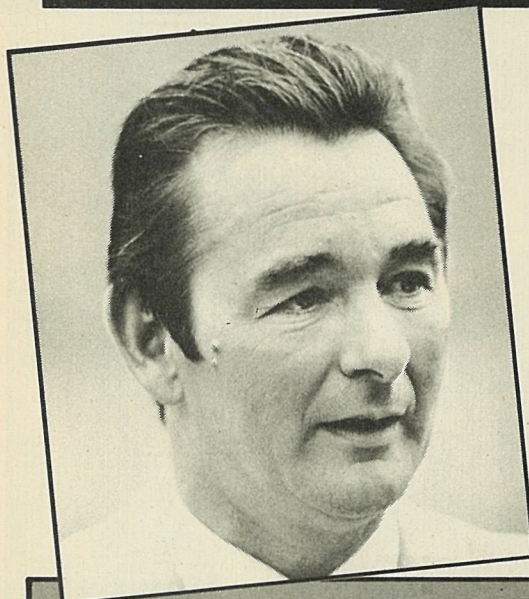
One man Steve believes can be a tremendous help to Spurs chances in Europe is former manager and now chief scout Bill Nicholson.

"Bill's knowledge of the European scene was undoubtedly one of the main reasons we did so well in the early seventies and I'm sure we can learn a lot from him again this time.

"Apart from the business on the pitch it's important to get the right atmosphere, the right hotels and training facilities in foreign countries and Bill always got it right."

Foreign opposition in the Cup Winners Cup includes: Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany), Juenesse (Luxembourg), Porto (Portugal), Standard Liege (Belgium), Bastilla (France) and the current holders Dinamo Tbilisi (Russia) who put out West Ham.

Forest, Clough



LEAVING Nottingham Forest was the hardest decision of my life.

Despite all the newspaper talk to the contrary there was no hatred between myself and Forest manager Brian Clough — in fact we parted the best of friends.

The truth of the matter was that after two years as Forest's leading scorer I felt I deserved a better contract than I was being offered.

Most of the other players had been given new improved contracts and I believed I was worth the same.

We sat down and discussed the matter but never reached an agreement. The difference we were talking about wasn't that much — but neither of us were prepared to budge.

He slated me in the press for not accepting

Brian Clough . . . "he slated me in the press," says Withe.

his offer but it didn't worry me unduly because I knew that my name would be one of the first on the teamsheet every week.

Unfortunately we couldn't reach a compromise and resolve our differences so I asked for a move.

When it was announced that I'd decided to quit League Champions Nottingham Forest for struggling Second Division Newcastle people thought I was mad.

I've been asked why I joined Newcastle. The answer to that one is simple — they were the only club interested at the time.

When I signed I was confident that I could help the great North East team do another Nottingham Forest — rise from the Second Division to the top of the tree.

And I was meeting up with my old Wolves manager Bill McGarry, who was in charge at St James's Park at the time.

Ironically one of my last games in a Forest shirt was at Wembley for the 1978 Charity Shield against Ipswich. We romped home 5-0 and I scored the third goal.

At Newcastle... and time was running out

IT HURTS me to see my old team Newcastle struggling to get out of Division Two.

They're such a big club with great traditions that it's sad to watch them dwindling away.

Newcastle have some of the most ardent fans in the country and they're crying out for more success — football is so important to them.

I realised that the day I signed for them in 1978. I immediately became aware of the pressure on me and I was constantly being reminded of the great strikers who'd worn the famous number nine shirt before me.

Record fee

I'd signed for a Newcastle record fee of £255,000 and I knew that a lot was expected of me. But that didn't put any undue pressure on me — I was just determined to go out and do my best.

Fortunately I didn't have long to wait for my first Newcastle goal — it came just three matches after my transfer when I grabbed two in our 3-1 win over Blackburn Rovers.

Although we failed to gain promotion and finished the season in 11th place I was happy with my form — I ended the season as 'Magpies' top scorer with 14 League goals.

What made me even more pleased about my form was that I'd helped a few of my team-mates to hit the net too — my striking partner Alan Shoulder hit 11 goals in 24 appearances in his first season in League football.



Peter Withe in the Newcastle team on March 29, 1980. He was later to score twice in the 3-1 defeat of Bristol Rovers. Team: Back row (left to right): Bob Shinton, John Brownlie, Stuart Boam, Steve Hardwick, John Bird, Nigel Walker, Tommy Cassidy. Front: Alan Shoulder, Peter Withe, Terry Hibbitt, Peter Cartwright and Ian Davies.

Next season (1979-80) we improved our League position by two places but I felt it was time I made my way back to Division One. At 28 years old, time was running out for me.

When I signed for Newcastle I gave myself two years to make it back to the top flight

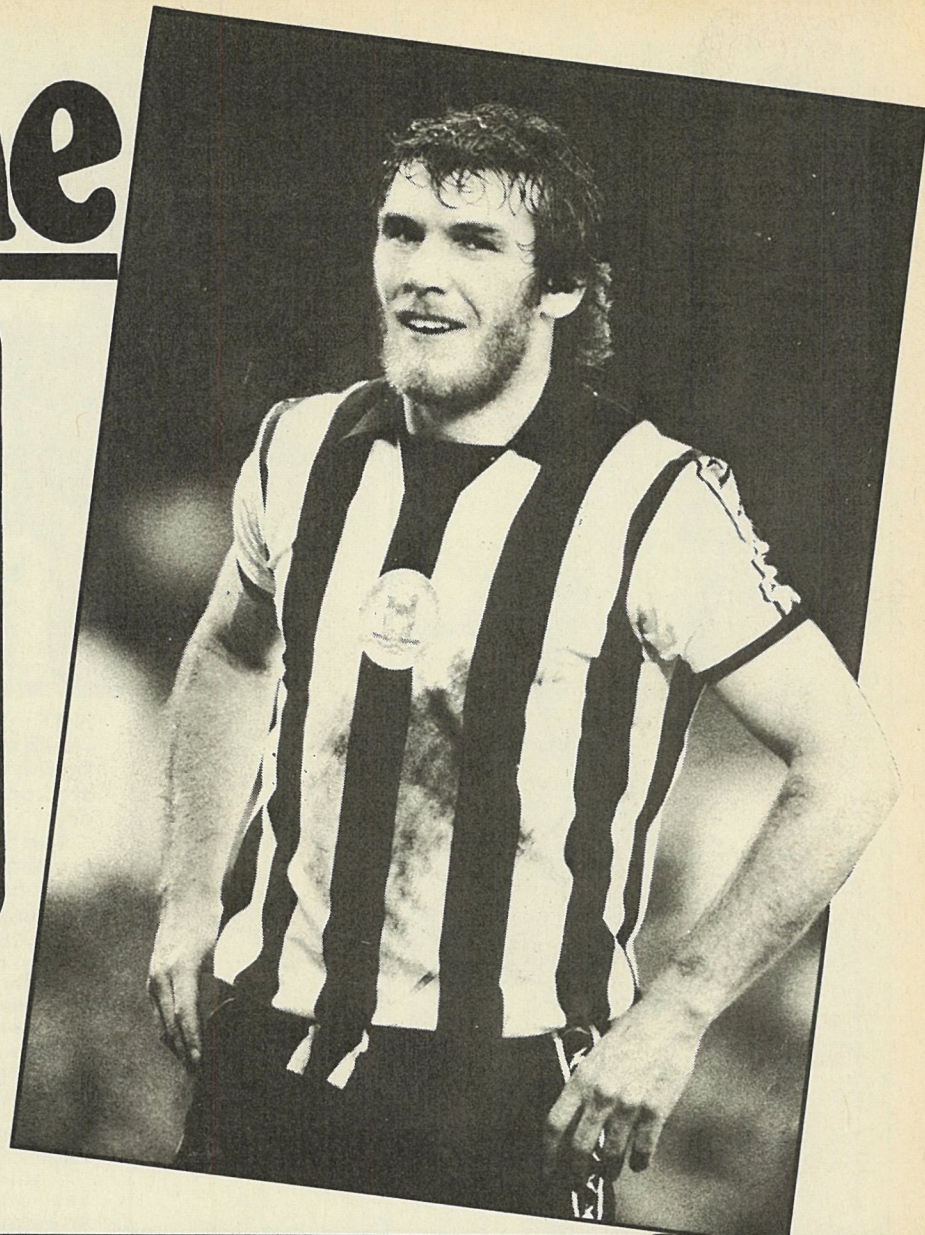
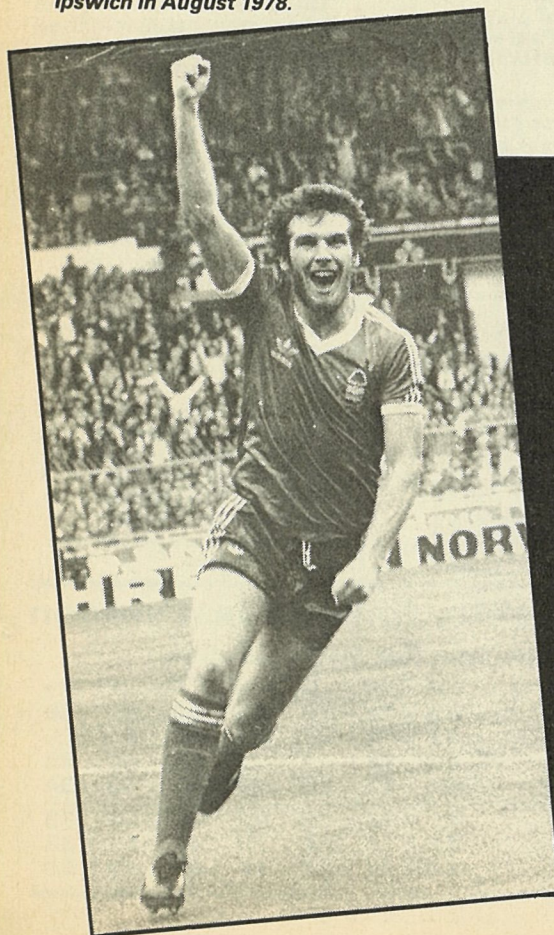
with them and as that hadn't happened I asked for a transfer.

I was sad to leave St James' Park because I enjoyed my spell there and got on well with the supporters, but I knew that I'd have to go if I was to win more honours in the game.

and me

The PETER WITHE Story

Take that! Peter Withe celebrates one of Forest's five Charity Shield goals against Ipswich in August 1978.



My low-flier at Oldham

MY two year spell at Newcastle produced its fair share of spectacular goals for me.

Four diving headers spring to mind when I think of my stay at St James' Park.

But the one I remember best came at Oldham's Boundary Park in front of just 6,000 fans and was set up by former Eire international Mick Martin.

I left the goal late — scoring just five minutes from the end.

Mick went down the left and chipped the ball across to me on the far side. I was 25 yards out and put it past the keeper with a diving header.

The goal gave us a 3-1 victory. Other scorers that day were Alan Shoulder from the penalty spot and Irving Natrass (now with North East rivals Middlesbrough).

NEXT WEEK: Why I said 'no' to my boyhood heroes Everton . . . and the four most incredible days of my life.

Jordan's tough style suits me fine

says **PAUL
DYSON**

NOT many defenders relish the prospect of facing Manchester United striker Joe Jordan in full cry.

The Scotland star's bustling and aggressive style can unhinge even the bravest of defenders.

But Coventry's young central defender Paul Dyson actually enjoys dicing with the towering striker he'll face again on the opening day.

"He's a very difficult man to mark, but I enjoy his aggressive style of play," says 21-year-old Paul who is being labelled a future England player.

"I think we complement each other because I'm also an aggressive player and I seem to be able to raise my game when playing against big Joe."

The England Under-21 international, who started out as a striker, has just completed his first full season in Division One.

"The main problem I found

was maintaining consistent form over a long period," says Paul.

"It's not too bad coming into the side now and again but you have got to maintain form over 42 matches.

"And lack of consistency was the main problem we had at Coventry last season. We knew we were capable of beating the best, but we couldn't sustain form for any length of time."

Paul was close to fulfilling a dream in his first full season — a Wembley cup final.

"That's an ambition of mine and we almost made it in the League Cup. We came within a matter of minutes of beating West Ham in the semi-final.

"That defeat knocked the stuffing out of the lads and for the next four or five matches we struggled.

"By the time we had shrugged off the effects of that defeat we were in the relegation zone and fighting for survival.

"But the experience gained last season should stand our young side in good stead next term."

And Paul will be out to find the kind of consistent form that may eventually earn him promotion from the Under-21 ranks to the full England side.

"That's got to be the ambition of every player and I'm no exception."

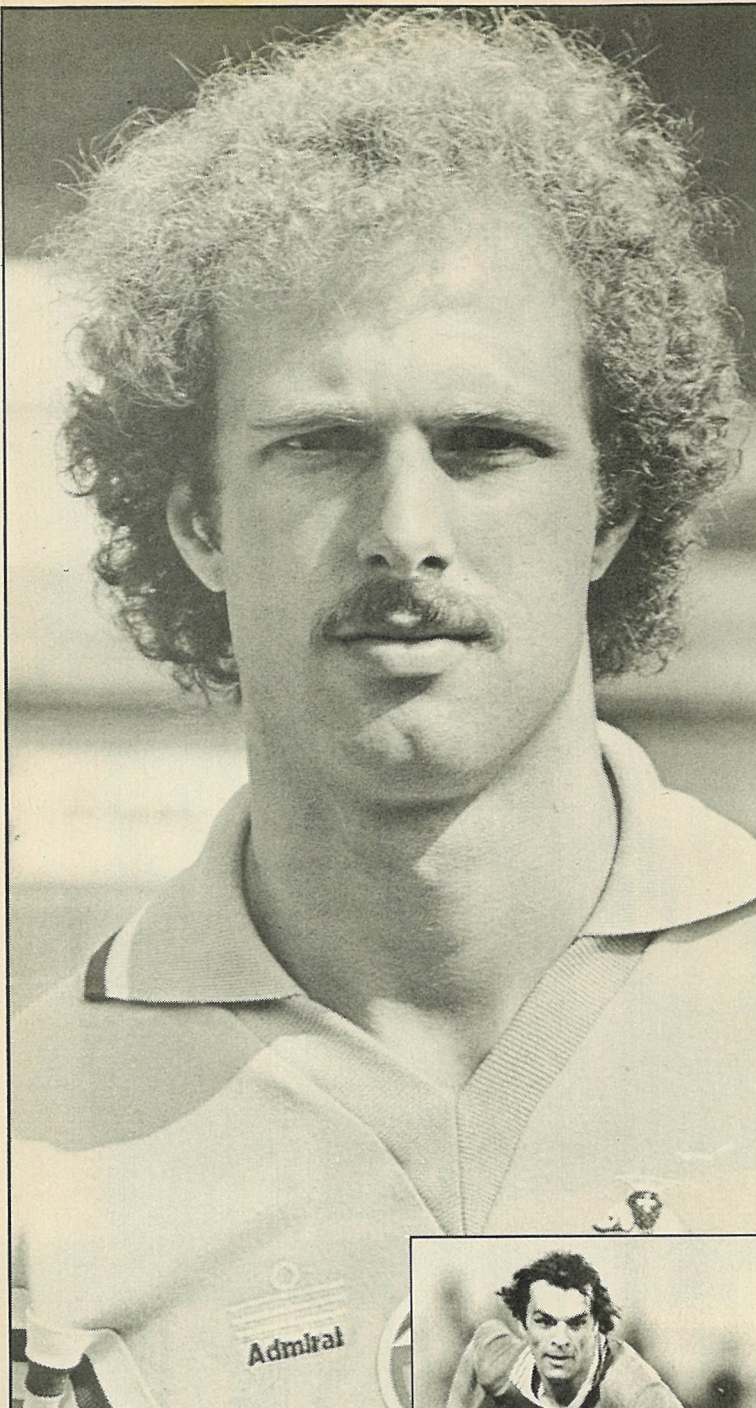
Where Coventry finished last season

Division One (bottom positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	42	13	10	19	48	68	36
Sunderland	42	14	7	21	52	53	35
Brighton	42	14	7	21	54	67	35
Wolves	42	13	9	20	43	55	34
Norwich	42	13	7	22	49	73	33
Leicester	42	13	6	23	40	67	32
C. Palace	42	6	7	29	47	83	19

Left: Joe Jordan in aggressive mood for Manchester United — he comes up against Paul Dyson on the opening day of the season.

Above: Paul Dyson, "Aggression helps me raise my game."



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On your marks...

3 PAGE SPECIAL

It's Dalglish!

LIVERPOOL ace Kenny Dalglish was the First Division's 'Matchman of the Year' last season.

The brilliant Scottish striker finished with an average mark of 7.31 from the cup and league ratings awarded in our exclusive Match Facts guide.

That put him ahead of Ipswich's Dutch midfield star Frans Thijssen and Tottenham's Argentine wizard Osvaldo Ardiles.

European champions Liverpool had three players in the top ten with midfield men Graeme Souness and Sammy Lee joining Kenny on the roll of honour.

Nottingham Forest's Peter Shilton, who turned his back on England this year, was the top goalkeeper, just edging out Coventry's Les Sealey for the honour.

Ipswich, the UEFA Cup winners, dominated the defenders' section with England trio Russell Osman, Mick Mills and Terry Butcher filling the first three places.

In fact, Ipswich had no fewer than eight players among the top ten in each of the four categories — goalkeepers, defenders, midfielders and strikers — the missing men being Arnold Muhren, John Wark and Steve McCall.

To qualify players had to make at least 35 league and cup appearances and among those failing to reach that target were Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis and Pat Jennings.

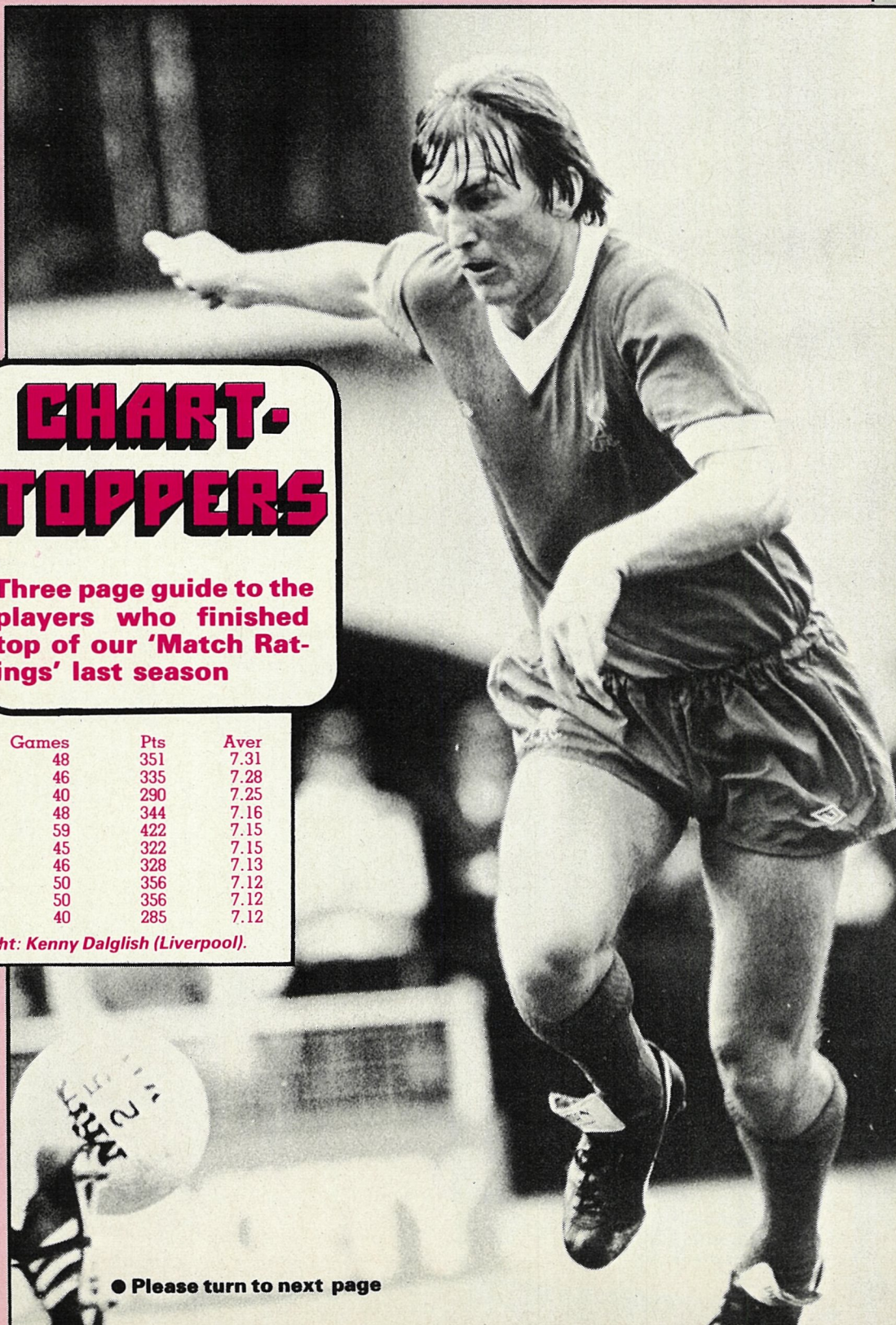
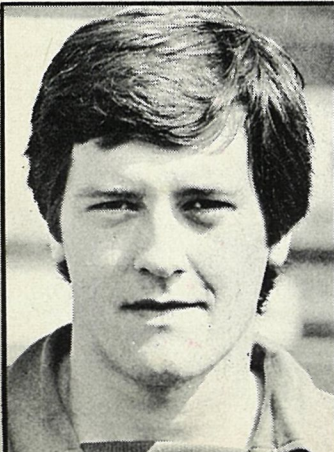
CHART-TOPPERS

Three page guide to the players who finished top of our 'Match Ratings' last season

TOP TEN

Player	Games	Pts	Aver
1 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	48	351	7.31
2 Frans Thijssen (Ipswich)	46	335	7.28
3 Ossie Ardiles (Tottenham)	40	290	7.25
4 Peter Shilton (Nottm Forest)	48	344	7.16
5 Russell Osman (Ipswich)	59	422	7.15
5 Les Sealey (Coventry)	45	322	7.15
7 Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)	46	328	7.13
8 Graeme Souness (Liverpool)	50	356	7.12
8 Sammy Lee (Liverpool)	50	356	7.12
8 Steve Williams (Southampton)	40	285	7.12

Below: Les Sealey (Coventry City) Right: Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).



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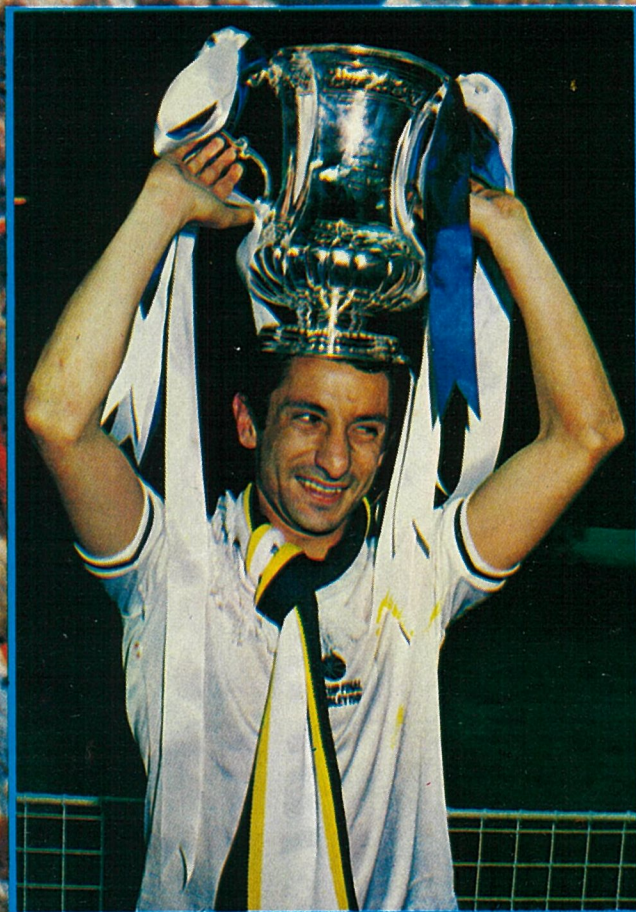
GOALKEEPERS

1 Peter Shilton (Nottm Forest)	7.16
2 Les Sealey (Coventry)	7.15
3 Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	7.01
4 Joe Corrigan (Man City)	6.90
5 Jim Platt (Middlesbrough)	6.89
6 Peter Fox (Stoke)	6.88
7 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	6.79
8 Mark Wallington (Leicester)	6.78
9 Ray Clemence (Liverpool)	6.76
10 Paul Barron (C. Palace)	6.72

DEFENDERS

1 Russell Osman (Ipswich)	7.15
2 Mick Mills (Ipswich)	7.10
3 Terry Butcher (Ipswich)	7.01
4 Phil Thompson (Liverpool)	7.00
5 Trevor Cherry (Leeds)	6.97
6 Shaun Elliott (Sunderland)	6.97
7 Steve Perryman (Tottenham)	6.94
8 Kenny Sansom (Arsenal)	6.93
9 Allan Evans (Aston Villa)	6.93
10 Frank Gray (Nottm Forest)	6.82

TOPPERS



MIDFIELD

1 Frans Thijssen (Ipswich)	7.28
2 Ossie Ardiles (Tottenham)	7.25
3 Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)	7.13
4 Graeme Souness (Liverpool)	7.12
5 Sammy Lee (Liverpool)	7.12
6 Steve Williams (Southampton)	7.12
7 Dennis Mortimer (Aston Villa)	7.08
8 Steve McMahon (Everton)	7.04
9 Ricky Villa (Tottenham)	7.02
10 Asa Hartford (Everton)	7.00

STRIKERS

1 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	7.31
2 Alan Brazil (Ipswich)	7.09
3 Joe Jordan (Man United)	7.08
4 Peter Withe (Aston Villa)	7.07
5 Paul Mariner (Ipswich)	7.07
6 Steve Archibald (Tottenham)	7.05
7 Tony Morley (Aston Villa)	7.01
8 Stan Cummins (Sunderland)	7.00
9 Garth Crooks (Tottenham)	7.00
10 Eric Gates (Ipswich)	6.98

Main picture: Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest) . . . top 'keeper.

Far left: Ipswich Town's Dutch international Frans Thijssen . . . midfield chart-topper.

Above left: Complete with FA Cup Spurs' Ossie Ardiles . . . midfield runner-up.

Above: Ipswich Town's top two defenders Mick Mills (left) and Russell Osman, tussling with Forest's Ian Wallace.



THE FAMOUS name of Gilzean returned to Wembley recently, when Ian, 11-year-old son of the former Spurs and Scotland star helped his school to the national schools six-a-side title.

Ian scored one of Enfield-based Raglan's two goals in their defeat of Bewley (Cleveland) as a curtain-raiser to the England v West Germany schoolboy international, which attracted 70,000 young fans.

Over 5,000 primary schools entered the ESFA/Smiths Group sponsored event with Alverstton (Derby) and Harewood (Gloucester) also reaching the climax but losing 3-0 and on corners respectively in the semi-finals.

Above: Raglan skipper Nicholas Rider with the Smiths Cup watched by his proud team-mates.

Gilzean strikes again

SKY HIGH

Coventry returned triumphant from their Far East tour winning seven and drawing one of their eight matches.

Having drawn their first game 2-2 in Bangkok they went on to beat Malaysian Cup Winners Selangor 1-0 in Kuala Lumpur, Hallelujah 4-3 in Hong Kong, Surobaya 4-1, Indonesia 7-1 and 3-0 and local side Medan 6-0 and 4-0 all in Java.

Aching Everton

EVERTON arrived back from their Far East trip bruised and battered.

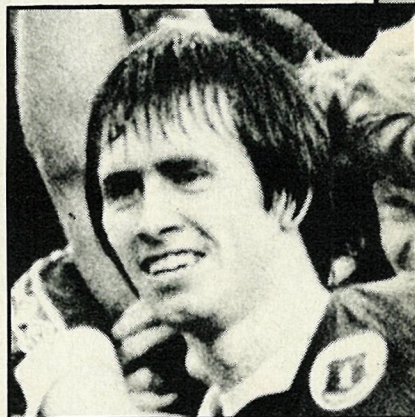
Led by their new manager Howard Kendall, they competed in the Japanese invitation tournament which Middlesbrough won last year, but after three tough games failed to retain the trophy for England.

Recalled striker Peter Eastoe, "Our first two games were against the national sides of Japan and China and I was surprised how physical they were. They'd certainly hold their own in our Third Division."

"Against Japan Imre Varadi and myself scored after trailing 2-0 and when we needed to beat China to reach the semi-final, Eamonn O'Keefe scored a great match-winning volley from 25 yards."

"That put us through against Inter-Milan and we caught them on a good day. They beat us 4-1 — Trevor Ross scored our penalty — but I didn't much enjoy playing against Italians for the first time."

"I got booked for a tackle on



one of their players and for the rest of the time had a two man bodyguard on me."

Inter went on to lose a disappointing final 2-0 to FC Bruges from Belgium.

"It was a great tour," said Eastoe, "and we all got on well with the new gaffer. He looks like he's able to relax more than Gordon Lee — whether he will when the season gets going, we'll soon find out!"

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Match Chat

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Bailey's Hong Kong test

AFTER four years of studying and attending a day release course at Manchester University, Gary Bailey (right) finally sat his Chemistry degree examination — in Hong Kong.

The Manchester United and England goalkeeper has given up one day a week — usually a Wednesday — to attend lectures at Manchester but when the time came to take his Bachelor of Science degree, he discovered he would be on a Malaysian tour with his club.

However, his tutors made arrangements for the blond star to join students at Hong Kong University for the big day, entailing just a short hop from Kuala Lumpur where United completed their tour.

Before reporting back for training on July 23 Gary will be holidaying in South Africa with his father Roy, the former Ipswich goalkeeper.

ADIDAS have been given the go-ahead by the Football League for their distinctive black and white 'Tango' ball to be used by clubs next season.

Originally, the League approved only the red and white, and plain white panelled balls but after taking their case to the European commission in Rome, Adidas have had the decision over-ruled.

Meanwhile, Dunlop have completed a contract for their all-white 'Super Pro' ball to be used exclusively in Scottish FA Cup semi-finals, finals and in home internationals.

BALL TALK



Tough draw for England kids

WHILE the seniors kept on sweating it out for a place in Spain, the junior international teams were drawn from the hat for the Junior World Cup finals to be played in Australia from October 3 to 18.

And England drew a tough one — a group including them with hosts Australia and the real World Cup holders Argentina.

The Junior World Cup is for players under 20 in August 1981. Sixteen teams qualified from the 99 nations who applied.

The strongest teams in this year's event appear to be Argentina — Diego Maradona made his name in this tournament in Japan 1979 — Brazil, Italy, West Germany and England.

We preview the pre-season curtain-raisers

ARSENAL come face to face next month with their former midfield star Liam Brady.

The Gunners are flying to Turin on August 20 to face new Italian League champions Juventus for whom Liam has been a revelation in his first season.

It will be the first time the Republic Of Ireland skipper has played against his former club since his £600,000 move to Italy last summer.

Although only a prestige friendly, Juventus will be keen to avenge the home defeat by Arsenal in the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final two seasons ago.

But Liam's farewell ended in tears with Arsenal losing to Valencia on penalties in a dramatic final.

The forthcoming match in Italy ends a three-game Continental build-up for Arsenal, who also have games in Greece, against champions Olympiakos, and in Sweden, against IAU Stockholm.

Another player facing his former colleagues in a pre-season friendly will be Tottenham's ace striker Steve Archibald.

The First Division's top scorer will be returning home with the FA Cup winners to Aberdeen on August 16 for the first time since his successful £800,000 move to London last summer.

Manchester United, Southampton and First Division newcomers West Ham will also be battling it out with Aberdeen on August 1 and 2.

Before that Southampton are in America for the Trans Atlantic Challenge matches, two of them in New York's giant Yankee Stadium.

They face Seattle Sounders on July 11 and then travel to New York to meet Super Bowl Champions Cosmos on August 14 and Russian tourists Donetz five days later.

Ipswich, conquerors of AZ 67 in the UEFA Cup Final last season, may face the runaway Dutch champions again next month.

Both teams have been invited to the same tournament in Amsterdam from August 7.

Ipswich have friendlies in Holland and Belgium before then, and they complete their foreign business with a tournament in Barcelona from August 17.

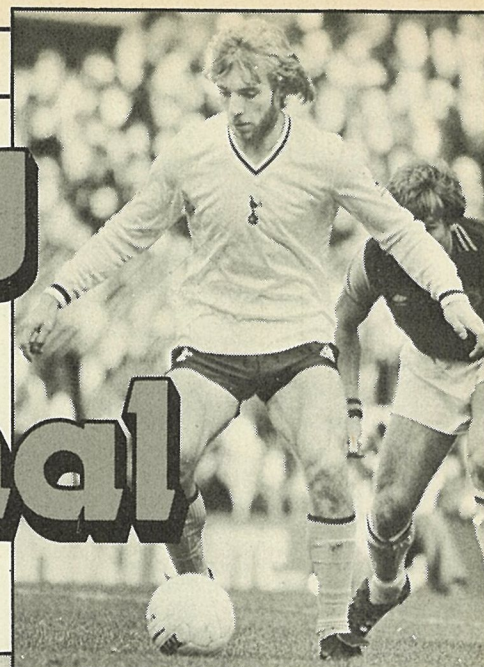
European champions Liverpool have three matches lined up in Switzerland, while League champions Aston Villa have an intriguing home clash with the East German National side on August 17 after trips to Greece and East Germany.

One domestic clash of note is the Sunday meeting of Wolves and Derby at Molineux on August 23 which is a testimonial match for Wolves' long-serving midfield player Kenny Hibbitt.

Brady v Arsenal

Right: Spurs' Steve Archibald — going 'home' to Aberdeen.

Below: Juventus Midfielder Liam Brady — up against his former club mates from Arsenal.



Pre-season diary

JULY

- 11 — Seattle v Southampton.
- 14 — New York Cosmos v Southampton.
- 19 — Donetz (Russia) v Southampton in New York.
- 21 — Leeds in Denmark for tournament involving teams from Norway, Holland, Poland, West Germany and Denmark.

AUGUST

- 1 — Aberdeen tournament involving West Ham, Southampton and Manchester United. Hearts v Sunderland.
- 2 — Hibernian v Sunderland.
- 3 — Rangers v Man. City.
- 4 — Dundee v Sunderland, Maastricht (Holland) v Ipswich.
- 5 — IAU Stockholm v Arsenal, Bremen (E. Germany) v Man. City, Berwick v Sunderland, Berchem (Belgium) v Ipswich.
- 7 — Ipswich in Ajax (Amsterdam) tournament.
- 8 — Zurich v Liverpool, Eindhoven (Holland) v Man. City, Glentoran v Tottenham, Wigan v Swansea.
- 9 — Bohemians (Dublin) v Man. United, Den Haag (Holland) v West Ham.
- 10 — Blackpool v Swansea, Limerick v Tottenham.
- 11 — Geneva v Liverpool, Colchester v West Ham.
- 12 — Norwich v Tottenham, Akureyric (Iceland) v Man. City.
- 13 — Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) v Swansea, Famax FC (Switzerland) v Liverpool, Iceland Amateur National XI v Man. City.
- 14 — Portsmouth v West Ham.
- 15 — Newport v Wolves.
- 16 — Olympiakos (Greece) v Arsenal, Aberdeen v Tottenham, Belez Mostar (Yugo) v Swansea.
- 17 — Aston Villa v East German National XI, Ipswich in Barcelona tournament.
- 18 — Newcastle v Sunderland, EIK Norway v Man. United, Gillingham v West Ham.
- 20 — UND Hango (Finland) v Man. United, Juventus v Arsenal, Shrewsbury v Wolves.
- 21 — Southend v West Ham.
- 22 — Sunderland v Newcastle, Swansea v Luton, Plymouth v Arsenal.
- 23 — Wolves v Derby (Ken Hibbitt testimonial).
- 25 — Darlington v Sunderland.

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- 1 The game was played at Meadow Lane.
- 2 The away side were nicknamed the 'Bluebirds'.
- 3 Trevor Christie scored the winner to complete his hat-trick.

WHO AM I?

I WAS born in Southport in 1948 and joined Manchester United as a boy. Before moving to Arsenal I appeared for Swansea on loan. I've made one appearance for my country in America against Italy. Last season was a real champion season for me with my present club. I was delighted to have a big hand in it!

ANSWERS

WHO AM I?
Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)
Answer: The match was between Notts County and Cardiff City and the score was 3-2 to County.
Fair cop
1 Kettering Town, 2 David Johnson, v Argentina at Wembley, May, 1986, 3 Joe Jordan v Peru, 4 Home of Czechoslovakia, c) Denmark, 6 August 29, 7 Bruce Rios, 8 True, 9 Aberdeen, 10 Olympiakos.

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1 Kevin won his European Champions Cup winners medal for Liverpool against a) Real Madrid, b) Barcelona, c) Borussia Moenchengladbach.

2 Kevin scored on his League debut for Southampton against Manchester City. True or False.

3. Against which club did Kevin score twice in a Wembley Cup final?

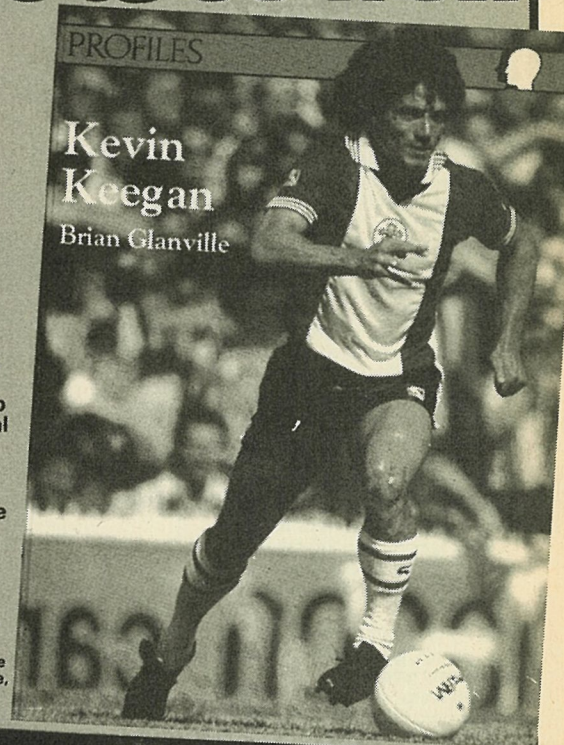
4 The village of Armthorpe was Kevin's birthplace. But is it in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Durham or Lincolnshire.

* Kevin Keegan — a profile is written by Brian Glanville and published by Hamish Hamilton Ltd of Garden House, 57-59 Long Acre, London WC2. It costs £3.25 and is available from all leading booksellers.

PROFILES

Kevin Keegan

Brian Glanville



Quiz Time

1 Ron Atkinson has joined Manchester United as manager, but with which non-league club did he begin his managerial career?

2 Trevor Brooking was twice on target for England in the 3-1 World Cup defeat of Hungary. But when was the previous time a player scored twice for a full England side?

3 Who scored Scotland's first goal in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina — and against whom?

4 Here's a tricky one . . . in what town is Blundell Park?

5 Give the nationalities of the following internationals: a) Ardizoglou, b) Jurkemik, c) Arnesen.

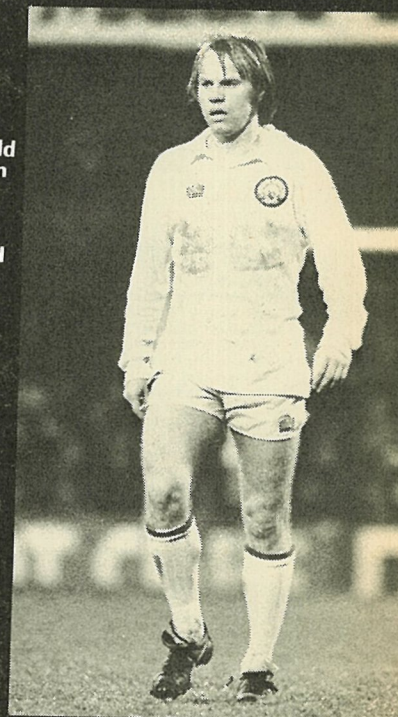
6 When does the 1981-82 Football League season start?

7 Which former Scottish International has been appointed player coach of Torquay United?

8 Chelsea won the League Cup in 1965. True or False.

9 From which club did Leeds United sign Scottish international Arthur Graham?

10 Derek Spence finished as Fourth Division champions' Southend United's top scorer. With which Greek club was he once a player?



Arthur Graham . . . See Question 9.

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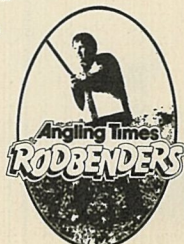


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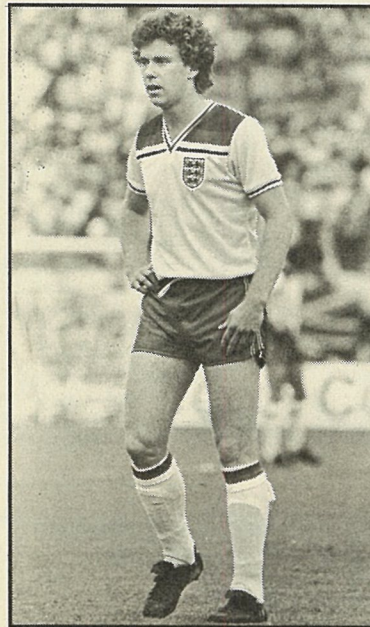
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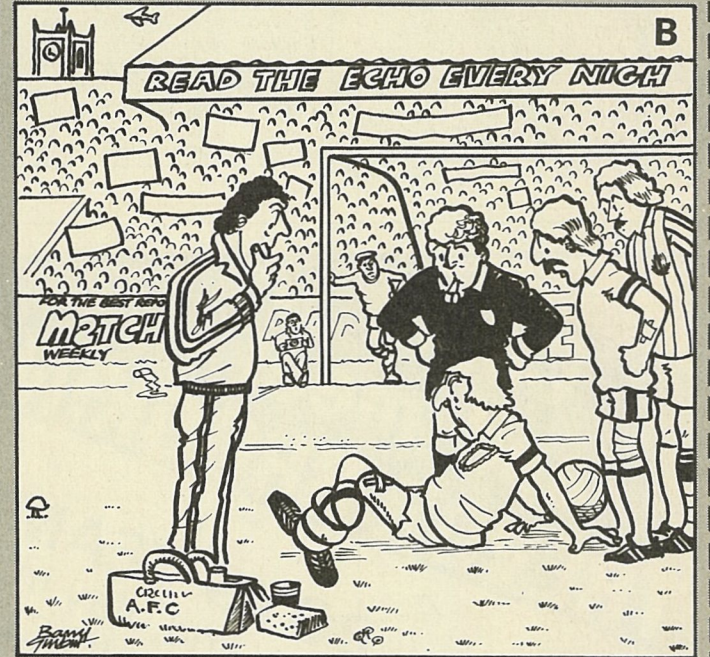
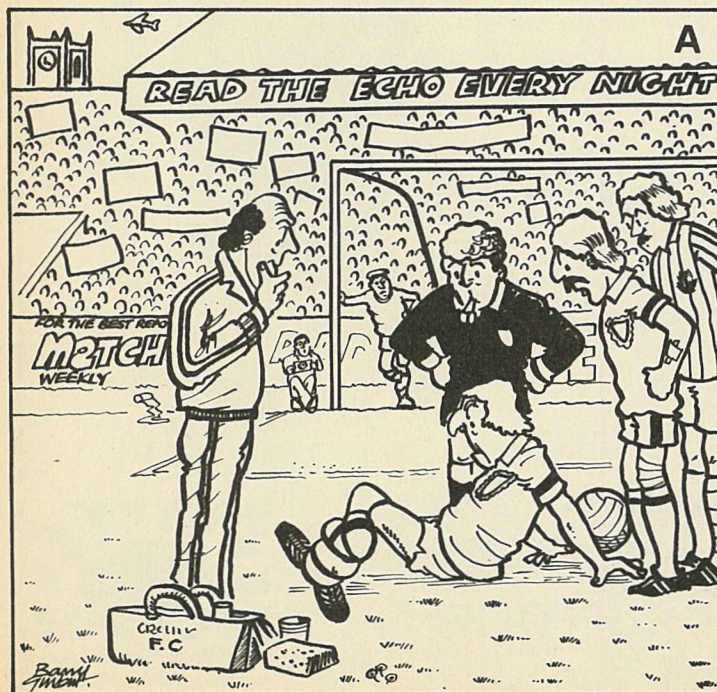
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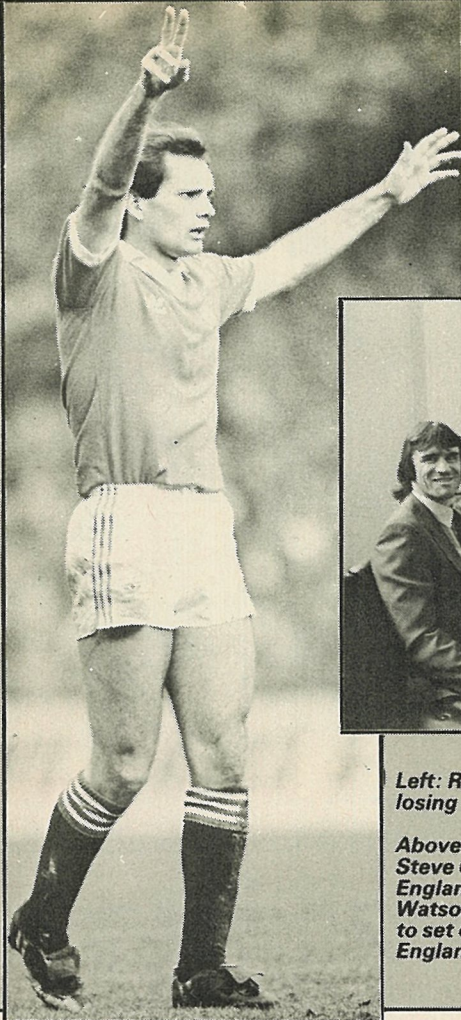
England international Tony Woodcock, whose picture you can win.



AGE.....

Mark Dowse, Padstow, Cornwall; Chris Jones, Swinton, Manchester; Raymond Reed, King's Lynn; Paul Fry, Chessington Surry; Paul Crosby, Poppleton Road, York; Isabel MacIntosh, Janetstown by Thurso.

Answers were: 1 Can missing; 2 'Liver' gone from graffiti; 3 Linesman has dark flag; 4 Man on forklift has striped jacket; 5 Extra photographer; 6 'UTD' on banner; 7 Policeman has pipe; 8 Puddle on ground; 9 Extra grill on truck; 10 Ball missing.



On tour



Left: Ray Wilkins . . . upset at losing to Steve's 'golf stranger'.

Above: Coppell and Co . . . Steve Coppell (centre) with England team-mates Dave Watson and Peter Barnes ready to set off from Heathrow on England's recent tour

- **Swiss golf 'swindle'**
- **Baked in Borneo**
- **Kuala Lumpur 'double'**
- **Stranded in Singapore**

England's Manchester United star takes Match Weekly readers behind the scenes . . .

Our new boss

I SPENT some time with our new manager Ron Atkinson when I returned from our tour match last week.

I've met him on a few occasions in the past and he has always struck me as a great enthusiast for the game with attacking ideas.

I told him that we were all very relieved that the position had been sorted out at last and he told me that he was anxious to get to know all the players as soon as possible.

That's why he has brought pre-season training forward to July 23 and also to shake off the cobwebs and the excess weight and get down to winning that championship back.

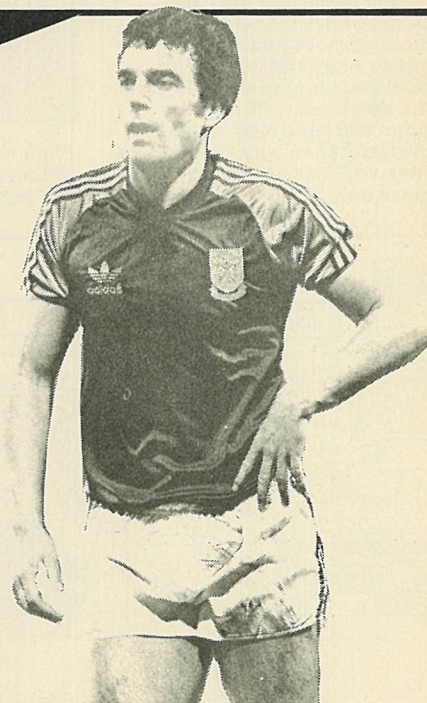
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with Steve

COPPELL

I HAVE been relaxing in the Florida sunshine this week after a hectic footballing schedule which has taken me halfway across the world and back.

It began in Switzerland and finished in Malaysia and now after a two week break away from it all I'm raring to go again for a season which promises so much.

But more about that later... let me tell you what I've been up to lately.

My recent travels began in Basle with that World Cup qualifier against the Swiss — that 2-1 defeat numbed us all, but we weren't too down-hearted, we knew we could win our next three games to reach the finals in Spain.

Before the flight to Hungary for the next game, we fixed up some golf at Breitenloo as guests of

the local club members, one of whom I invited to join us for the 'England team championships'.

Eighteen holes later I wasn't the most popular person with Messrs Keegan, Clemence, Neal, Brooking, Withe, Hoddle and Wilkins... especially Ray Wilkins, who would have won the money, had my pal not cleaned up!

They all thought I'd set the whole thing up and would be meeting this stranger to share out the loot later!

The following day we set off for Budapest the best of friends again — I'd convinced the lads I was innocent of the great golf con trick — to be met by Hungarian staff at our hotel all predicting a 3-1 England win.

We expected an onslaught from the Hungarians early on but it never came and after 20 minutes I said to myself 'we're going to win this'.

I was so confident I tried to nutmeg my marker — slipping the ball through his legs — and it worked and set up the chance for Terry McDermott to make the first goal for Trevor Brooking.

Hungary pulled a goal back but at half-time we didn't need any convincing from Ron Greenwood that we could still win it. And so it proved.

After all the stick we had taken from the press we all held our heads high when we got back to the hotel and, I must admit, we felt pretty smug!

But for the next 24 hours my feet hardly touched the ground.

No sooner had Gary Bailey, Mike Duxbury and I arrived back at Luton airport from Budapest with the England party than we were rushed off to Heathrow to catch an evening flight to Malaysia.

Ray Wilkins, missed the trip because his wife Jackie was unwell and so, we heard, did Jimmy Nicholl, Mike Thomas and Sammy McIlroy, to be with their families.

When we arrived in Kuala Lumpur 20 hours later, a depleted United side, with young reserves Garry Worrall and Martin Lane in the side had held a Malaysian Select XI to a goalless draw.

We had been due to fly on to Singapore to play their champions but I understand the

game had to be scrubbed because their players were suspended after being involved in a bribery scandal!

Instead we were bound for Borneo as the first European side to visit those islands.

Against a fast, fit side in baking heat it was perhaps the toughest 45 minutes I have played in my life.

Because of the intense heat — over 100 degrees — and humidity it took nearly ten minutes to recover from a simple dash along the wing.

It was like playing in a sauna but thanks to an Ashley Grimes free-kick we won with the only goal of a game I'll never forget.

Before our next game back in Kuala Lumpur Gary Bailey, Dave Smith — our Supporters Club chairman — and I took the chance to hop over to Singapore to do some shopping.

We were under strict orders from our caretaker manager Jack Crompton, to be back by 7 o'clock the following day.

And loaded down with a new suitcase full of clothes I'd bought for my holidays we only just made it — we thought we would be stranded for a time, but thanks to being recognized and able to jump the queue we managed to catch the last airbus home!

In our final game against the Malaysian Cup holders Selangore I managed to score twice in our 4-1 win with Joe Jordan and Garry Birtles grabbing the others.

After the game, Paddy Roche, Martin Buchan, Ashley Grimes and Kevin Moran decided to stay on for a few days to savour the hospitality, while Lou Macari flew off via Manila and Hawaii to meet up with his American born wife Dale and their family in the United States.

As for me I returned with the rest of the party to prepare for my own holiday and I'll be back for my favourite strawberries and ice cream birthday tea with Mum and Dad next Thursday.

See you again soon...



Ashley Grimes... scored United's match-winner in Borneo.

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JOHN CHIEDOZIE

ORIENT AND NIGERIA



FULL NAME: John Chiedozie.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Nigeria, April 18, 1960.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 7ins/10st 6lbs.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Capri.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Orient Express'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken leg.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Joe Mayo — he will give you more than 100 per cent.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leeds.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele — well what can you say about him — he was brilliant.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Anderson, J. Charlton, Moore, Cooper, Giles, Brady, Brooking, Best, Dalglish, George.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton, Alberto, Beckenbauer, Passarella, Marinho, Maradona, Cruyff, Rivelino, Kempes, Best, Pele.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: West Ham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Lagos Stadium, Nigeria.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against West Ham in season 1978-79 when I beat three players before scoring.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ian Edwards' goal for Wrexham against Derby last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all hard.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our 5-3 defeat by Leicester two seasons ago when I scored two goals.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT: Helping Nigeria to a World Cup qualifying victory over Tunisia last summer.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking my leg against Ipswich.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, snooker, tennis and athletics.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golfing and watching football and athletics on television.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Anything to do with smoking.
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Benson and Parkinson.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Cooper's Half Hour.
FAVOURITE READING: Root magazine.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Diana Ross, Jimmy London and Rose Royce.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange tango.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America, particularly Disneyland in Florida.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Charles Bronson, Woody Allen, Bruce Lee, Diane Keaton and Ali Macgraw.
BEST FILMS SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Game of Death, The Gauntlet, Telefon, Taxi Driver, The Greatest, Rocky.
BEST FRIEND: Henry Hughton.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My former Sunday club manager Henry Beaumont.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Being injured.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Capped by Nigeria.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful and to be fit and healthy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To appear in World Cup Finals next year with Nigeria.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I haven't decided yet.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Diego Maradona.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Pele.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: To work very hard and listen to all advice. Don't smoke and drink in moderation.

John Chiedozie

Three goal loser!

ERNIE Moss's hat-trick at Walsall at the end of March has proved to be his last for Third Division Chesterfield.

Since his one-man show in the 4-3 defeat at Fellows Park, he has taken his services to Fourth Division Port Vale after being refused improved terms by Chesterfield.

But at least he signed off a successful relationship with his home town club on the best

HAT-TRICK HEROES

Continuing our series on the players who scored League hat-tricks last season.

possible note even though the upset at Walsall virtually extinguished Chesterfield's promotion hopes.

"We really needed something from that game to keep in touch with the promotion race," recalls Ernie whose two spells with Chesterfield yielded 127 League goals.

"I can remember the first goal very well as it was a left foot volley from the edge of the penalty area, and I don't get that many with the left peg.

"I took a free kick from Bill Green on my chest and as I pivoted the defender went the wrong way and I struck it sweetly into the corner of the net.

"It probably didn't rate as the best goal of my career, but it was certainly the sweetest I've hit with my left foot."

That was the equaliser, but before Ernie struck again with a far post header from Andy Kowalski's cross, relegation-haunted Walsall had motored into a 3-1 lead.

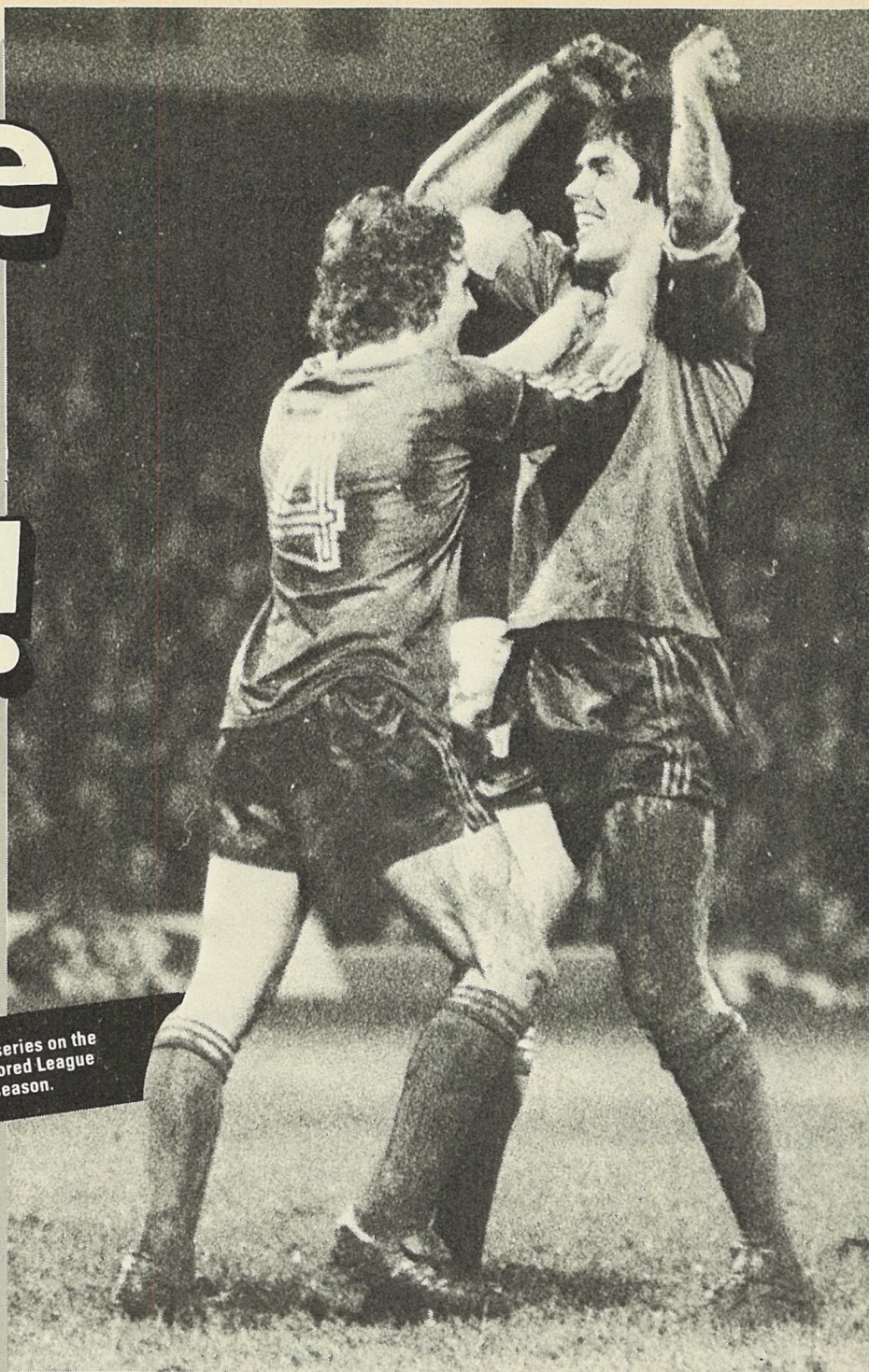
"Within minutes of me scoring the second they scored again and it looked all over by then.

"However, with a couple of minutes remaining little Alan Birch headed down a Geoff Salmons cross from the left and my run to the near post brought me the third goal from inside the six-yard area.

"We had one or two more chances in the dying seconds but it was not to be and our promotion hopes probably went that day."

It was Ernie's third League hat-trick, all of them achieved with Chesterfield.

"I scored all four goals in the 4-0 defeat of Newport in my first full season and I grabbed three



Ernie Moss (arms raised) is congratulated by team mate Billy Wilson after scoring Chesterfield's third goal in their 4-1 aggregate win over Glasgow Rangers on their way to winning the Anglo-Scottish Cup last season.

in a 4-0 victory over Reading in a Third Division match."

Now Port Vale fans will be hoping 31-year-old Ernie will continue his goalscoring exploits next season.

"I had the chance to return to Peterborough for a second spell or join Chester, York or Vale," explains Ernie who was Chesterfield's second top scorer last season with 16 goals.

"I played under Peterborough manager Peter Morris at Mansfield when they won the Third Division championship, but I didn't fancy all that travelling again.

"At this stage of my career I didn't want to uproot my family and so I chose Vale because it is a little nearer home. And I'll be keen to bring them some success."

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Thirty two teams, mainly from the lower divisions, will be competing in eight geographical sections with the winners going forward to the quarter-finals later in the season.

The idea is to give clubs a competitive pre-season warm-up programme.

As Football League spokesman Lee Walker explained: "Most of the First Division clubs are well cared for by games abroad and in Scotland. They are offered friendly matches.

"But it's not that easy for clubs from the lower divisions to fix up friendlies and get a bit of competitive football in the process.

"We wrote to all clubs putting forward this idea and more than

thirty wanted to take part, so the formation of the sections was quite straightforward."

At the moment the competition will be referred to as the Group Cup until a sponsor is forthcoming.

Newly-promoted Notts County are the only First Division club taking part, while Norwich relegated last season, are also bidding to become the first winners.

The qualifying round matches are scheduled for August 15, 19 and 22 with the quarter finals earmarked for December 9.

The Anglo-Scottish Cup has been scrapped after six years because of fixture problems.

Mr Walker explained: "Last season we had problems in arranging dates for the final stages of the competition because of Scottish and FA Cup replays.

"This clash of matches has always been a problem so it was felt best to abandon the competition.

"Some people in the Press intimated that the Scottish clubs were upset because none of our top teams competed, but our so-called inferior teams more than often toppled the top teams from Scotland so that was no real argument if the claims were true.

"It was just the problem of arranging dates later in the season that prompted the scrapping of the competition."

Third Division Chesterfield were the last winners of the trophy, defeating mighty Rangers then Notts County in the two-leg final.



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ABOVE: Orient striker Peter Taylor comes up against Southend where he started his career.

LEFT: Peterborough's Billy Kellock faces former club Norwich.

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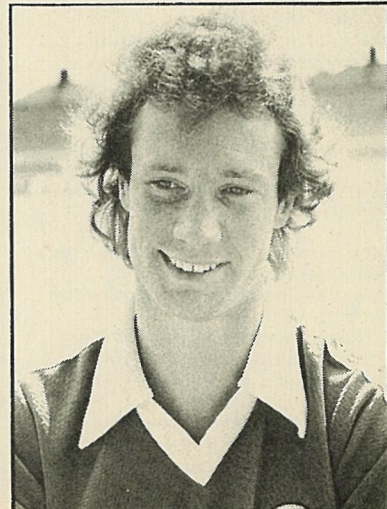
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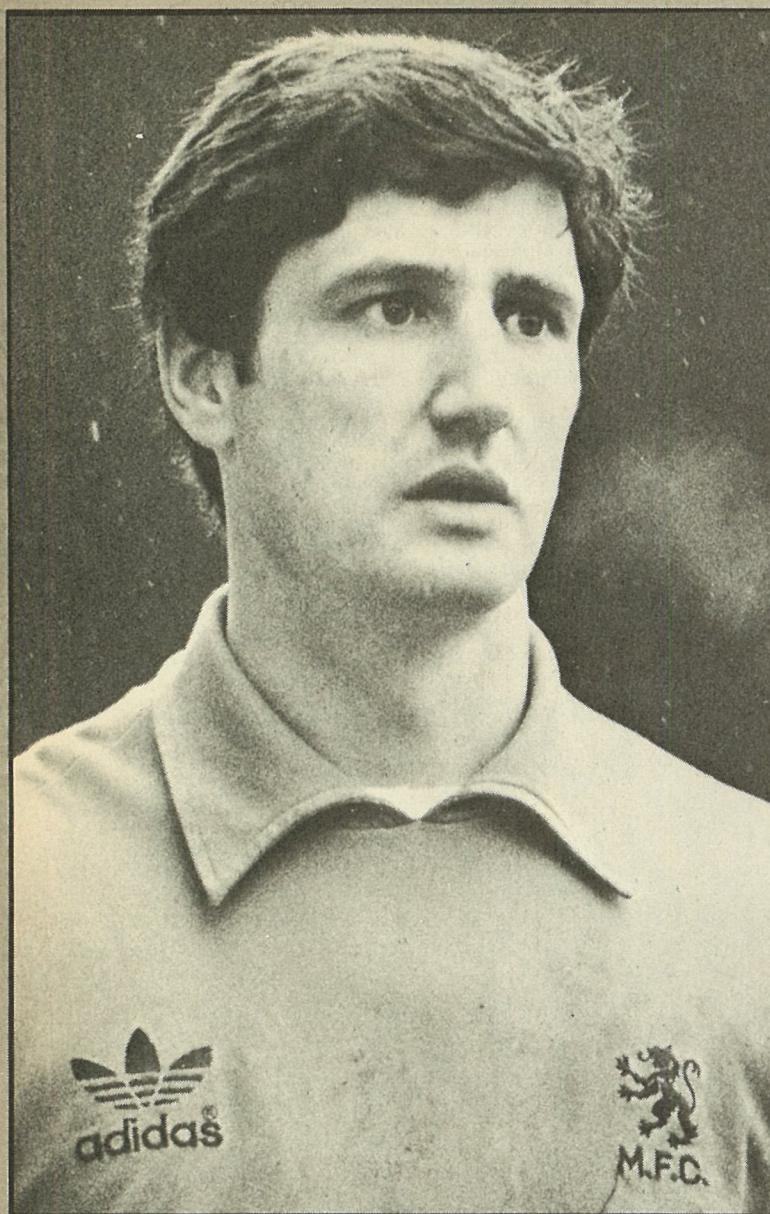
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Middlesbrough goalkeeper Jim Platt: "Bobby Murdoch could be the man to provide success for the club."

'Boro' on the brink of glory

MIDDLESBROUGH could be on the verge of their first major honour . . . and that's why their Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Jim Platt has signed a new three-year contract.

He believes the club is geared for success with new manager Bobby Murdoch at the helm and he wants to be part of it.

But Jim, once on offer at a giveaway £25,000 during loan spells with Hartlepool and Cardiff, admits that he had plenty of heart-searching to do before putting pen to paper.

"Obviously money was a consideration, but I also wanted to know in my own mind that determined efforts were going to be made to bring some success to the club.

That's why I'm staying says
JIM PLATT

one hell of a player. He's also got some very good ideas.

"If he can bring in the players he wants then I see no reason why we shouldn't do well next season.

"I know we have lost bright young players like Craig Johnston and Mark Proctor, but we still have plenty of talent here, like striker David Hodgson.

"If Bobby can get someone to play alongside David plus a couple of experienced defenders, then we will have the potential to do well."

"We weren't totally unsuccessful under John Neal. He certainly brought an attacking flavour to our game after the defensive style adopted by Jack Charlton.

Attacking

"But if anything we were too attack conscious away from home last season. Let's face it, you can't go out and attack teams like Liverpool away from home.

"Bobby was an attacking type of player, but I'm sure he will try and settle on a kind of blend that will enable us to be more successful, particularly away from home."

Ambitions

"If another First Division club had come in for me I might well have moved on because I am as ambitious as the next man.

"But quite frankly there are only about half a dozen clubs where I could better myself and there's no shortage of top goalkeepers in this country.

"I had a long talk with Bobby after his appointment and after hearing his plans for the future I decided that we were on the same lines of thought.

"He's as desperate as me to have some success at Middlesbrough and he could be the man to provide it."

The former Celtic and Scotland star has been on the coaching staff at Ayresome Park since hanging up his boots. Now he has the club reigns following John Neal's departure.

"I think he can do well," says Jim. "I played with him in our Second Division days and he was

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KEVIN KEEGAN in his Liverpool days drawn by Alan Nixon (14) of Newbold, Derbyshire, who says: "Kevin is such a good player and has done so much for football he deserves more publicity."



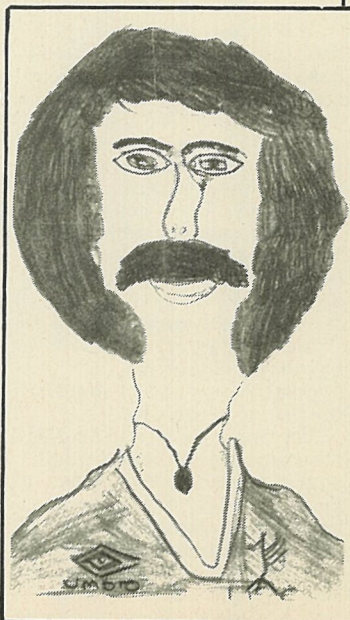
STAR GALLERY

GRAHAM Shackleton of Cleethorpes, South Humberside, drew this picture of Leeds' Scottish international Arthur Graham.



THIS drawing of Bryan Robson was sent in by Richard Salmond of Wombourne, Staffs, who says of the West Brom and England star: "He's one of the best midfielders in the world."

LIVERPOOL'S Terry McDermott through the eyes of ten-year-old Rupert Naylor of Hale, Altrincham, who says: "He's a superb player for his club and country."



What

NEWS that Dutch midfield player Frans Thijssen is to sign a new two-year contract came as a big boost to the Ipswich camp.

At one stage it seemed as though he might move to Italy, so it came as a relief when he agreed terms with Bobby Robson.

I know the manager had already been seeking a possible replacement in Holland in case Frans decided to move, but I don't think we could possibly have replaced him.

He's such a cool, confident customer that his absence from our midfield would have left a very big hole . . . and I'm sure it would have affected the contributions of John Wark and Arnold Muhren.

Those three compliment each other in the middle of the field and I know John Wark would be the first to admit that a lot of his goals last season were created by Frans.

On the other hand the two Dutchmen also appreciate the role played by John. We've got just the right blend.

Frans has emerged as one of the top players in the country. He has the ability to create chances out of nothing and his work rate is nothing short of phenomenal.

When he has the ball you can be certain he won't give it away in a hurry. He's got so much confidence and composure.

Below: Frans Thijssen — I don't think we could possibly have replaced him.



Astro-turf is not

AFTER the England tour to Switzerland and Hungary, I made a lightning trip to Canada to play for Ipswich.

As the story unfolds you'll see that it was a lightning visit in more ways than one . . .

Having already been away for two weeks I was not very thrilled at the prospect of travelling again, but because of the financial guarantees involved, Ipswich had to parade as many first team players as possible.

We lost 2-1 to North American side Calgary Boomers, who fielded mostly German and South American players, and within the space

of four days I was back home feeling pretty exhausted.

Goalkeeper Paul Cooper also came straight back because of coaching commitments in Sweden while the rest of the lads moved down to Fort Lauderdale for a short holiday.

I played for 70 minutes in the match which turned into a bit of a farce in the second half when hailstones washed away most of the markings on the artificial astro-turf pitch.

In fact, we thought it was the end of the world when this thunderstorm swept over the Rocky Mountains. Huge black clouds rolled over the ground which was illuminated by fork lightning. Playing on astro-turf didn't



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him



for me

do my achilles tendon injury much good and I don't think I would relish the prospect of playing on that surface all year round.

The climate in this country makes grass the ideal surface for football and I see no reason why we need astro-turf pitches here, like QPR are planning.

Most First Division clubs now embark on end of season tours and although a lot of players are none too keen they appreciate that the clubs need the revenue to help pay the way in the summer.

Personally, I would rather spend some time at home with the family after a long, arduous season, but it's great for the single guys to spend a bit of time abroad.

Stay on the ball throughout the close season with Ipswich and England centre-forward
PAUL MARINER
by reading his regular column... only in Match Weekly.

I'm on the mend

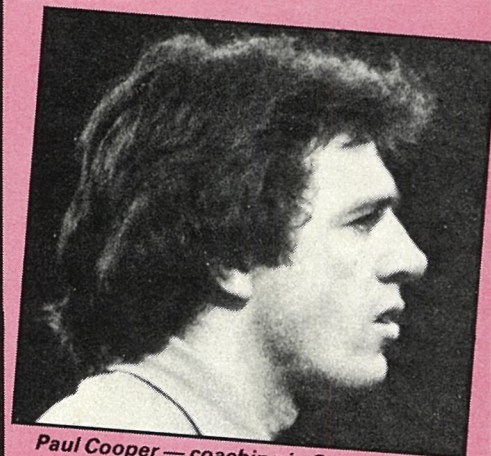
I AM fully expecting to be 100 per cent fit when Ipswich embark on pre-season trips to Amsterdam and Barcelona.

I must admit that at one stage I was concerned about the achilles tendon injury which forced me to miss several matches during our bid for the League Championship.

When I did play I managed to push the problem to the back of my mind to concentrate on the important job at hand.

But the morning after a game was crippling.

Now there are encouraging signs that I am on the mend. I can now get up in the mornings without having to limp around for a few hours.



Paul Cooper — coaching in Sweden.

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GARY GILLESPIE Coventry City

Breath-taker!

GARTH CROOKS (Tottenham) v Everton, Football League Division One, White Hart Lane, April 4, 1981.

IT WAS the kind of goal that makes you catch your breath . . . a sweet pass, a low cross and a volley whipped past a startled goalkeeper.

It was British football at its best and no wonder Tottenham's black striker Garth Crooks was delighted it made BBC Goal of the Season finalists.

"I was very pleased with it," recalled Garth,

"We were 2-0 down at half-time and desperately needed to get back into the game.

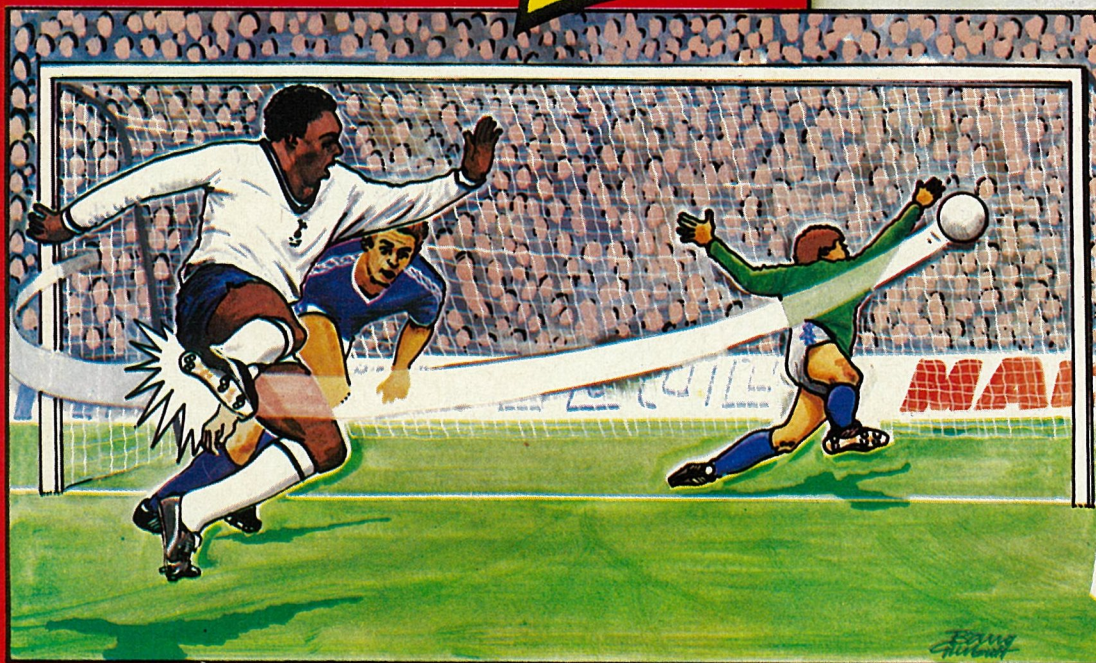
"Then Glenn Hoddle threaded the ball through to Stevie Perryman wide on the right who made a run to the line and cut the ball back.

"It came to me perfectly at waist height and I scissor-kicked it past Jim McDonagh."

Normally Garth likes to savour a spectacular goal with the fans, but there wasn't time and he fetched the ball out of the net and brought it back to the centre circle before they realised what happened.

Spurs continued to press and Tony Galvin grabbed a 74th minute equaliser but as the 27,000 crowd wended their way home conversations over North London were still buzzing with that Crooks special.

GOLDEN GOAL



ABOVE: Tottenham's super striker Garth Crooks and LEFT: Match Weekly's exclusive re-construction of his super volley against Everton.



OUTRAGED!

Villa for the drop

I AM outraged at the way everyone is glorifying Aston Villa.

I watched them regularly on television and every time I thought they were rubbish and lucky to win.

Ipswich were a much better team and only injuries stopped them winning the title.

And if Gary Shaw's a future England international, then I wish I was Welsh.

I reckon Villa will be relegated

next season. Matthew Baker, Goostrey, Cheshire.

● That's a bit strong, Matthew. I think Ipswich would be the first to admit that in the end Villa deserved one of the greatest soccer prizes on earth, and no-one must deprive them of the glory. You're sent off.



Rangers kicked their way to the Cup

I WAS disgusted with the way Rangers kicked and hacked their way to victory over Dundee United in the Scottish Cup Final.

They should have had at least two players sent off in both the games. Rangers were very lucky. For instance, they equalised in the dying seconds against St Johnstone in an earlier round, and Dundee deserved to win the first game.

If the desire to win means this sort of brutal play, then Scottish football is in big trouble.

David Morrison, Dundee.

South rules, OK

SOCCER fans in the south of England can boast.

For the first time in years we have had the best soccer in England with six of the top seven in Division One being from the south.

Tottenham won the Cup and West Ham won Division Two as well as being runners-up in the League Cup.

It is also worth noting that the most boring teams (those producing the most 0-0 draws) were all from the north — Manchester United, Leeds, Stoke, and Liverpool.

Barry Turner, Windsor.

● Oh dear, you have unearthed a few skeletons here. They had a bit of success in the north, I remember, like Liverpool winning the European Cup and League Cup and Aston Villa, if that's above your dividing line, winning the title. You're booked for reviving a stupid old argument.



● I detect a touch of sour grapes here. You have to learn to accept defeat like a man even if you feel hard done by. You're booked!



Replace the foulers!



I HAVE a suggestion which I believe will cut out the professional foul.

My idea is that if a player is booked for a professional foul he must be substituted.

This would mean that with only one substitute allowed in a League game, a team would be

reduced to ten men if more than one committed the offence.

With this in mind players would think twice before committing this type of foul which is ruining the skill in the English game. Tony Scott, Workington.

Don't be greedy, Jordan

I AM surprised that Joe Jordan has the cheek to demand £1,000 a week from Manchester United who he disgraced by being sent off recently for Scotland in Wales.

He's being greedy in asking for that kind of money and to blackmail the club by wanting to move is shameful.

If Jordan gets his £1,000 per week, wouldn't the other internationals in the side deserve the same? Then this greed for money might spread to other teams.

I hope that Ron Atkinson takes a firm grip at Old Trafford and is not intimidated by big Joe's off-the-field strong arm tactics. Peter Kelly, Manchester.



Right: Joe Jordan — too greedy says Peter Kelly of Manchester.

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Division Four; 1967-75 Division

Three; 1975-76 Division Four;

1976-79 Division Three; 1979-

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HONOURS: Division Three

(North) champions 1937-38;



Welsh Cup winners 1935.

RECORD VICTORY: 13-4 v

Oldham, Division Three (North),

December 26, 1935.

RECORD DEFEAT: 1-9 v

Tottenham, FA Cup third round

replay, January 14, 1953.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 60,

Division Four, 1964-65.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 111,

Division Three (North), 1930-31.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A

SEASON: Bunny Bell, 35,

Division Three (North), 1933-34.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN

TOTAL AGGREGATE: Bunny Bell,

104, 1931-36.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Albert

Gray, 3 (23), Wales.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES:

Harold Bell, 595, 1946-64.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE

RECEIVED: £120,000 from Cardiff

City for Ronnie Moore, February

1979.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID:

£20,000 to Charlton for Hugh

McAuley, August 1978.

MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR:

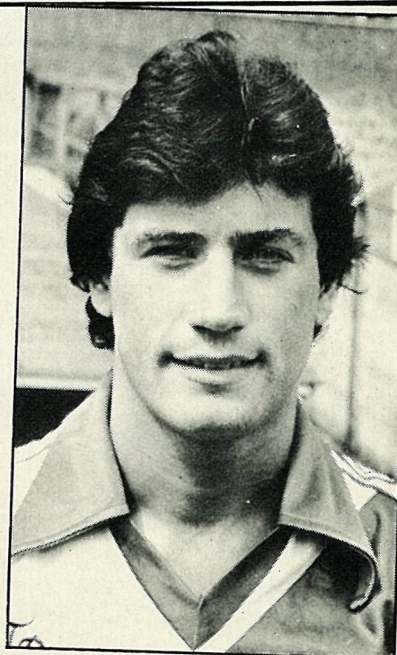
Ernie Blackburn, Noel Kelly, Peter

Farrell, Walter Galbraith, Dave

Russell, Jackie Wright, Ron

Yeats, Johnny King, Brian

Hamilton (current).



Clive Evans... Tranmere's leading scorer last season with ten goals.

Now ban the English

WHAT a laugh! The 'great' England fans rioted in Switzerland for the second time in 12 months, while the 'hooligans' in Scotland haven't done so for three years.

But who do Bobby Charlton and David Coleman think they are trying to kid? The fans were pure English, not British. The two 'Beeb' experts' audacity was really quite hard to believe.

I just hope the Norwegian authorities bar the English fans from their country, Ted Croker certainly won't. David Mudie, Edinburgh.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to West Ham and England's Trevor Brooking on being awarded the M.B.E.

He has shown great service to football and the award underlines the nation's gratitude for his dedication to the game. No-one could have deserved it more. Jon Treharne, Bristol.

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Right: Trevor Brooking — congratulated by reader Jon Treharne.

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Clemence under fire

ENGLAND goalkeeper Ray Clemence comes under fire this week from three Match Weekly readers.

Two criticise his decision to seek a move from Liverpool, while the other maintains that his England days should be over.

Here's what they say:

I WAS shocked at the decision of Ray Clemence to leave Liverpool.

If one FA Cup, five League Championships, one League Cup, two UEFA Cups and three European Cups isn't good enough for him, I don't know what is.

I'm sure a lot of players wish their clubs were so successful. Steve Cinnamon, London.

★ ★ ★

I'M shocked with Ray Clemence's decision to seek a move from Liverpool. He's been with them 14 years and won every medal there is to be won. Now that there's competition for his place he wants to leave.

I hope he does not come to my team Tottenham. We can do without him.

Ken Power, Dublin.



Liverpool's Ray Clemence — under fire from Match readers.

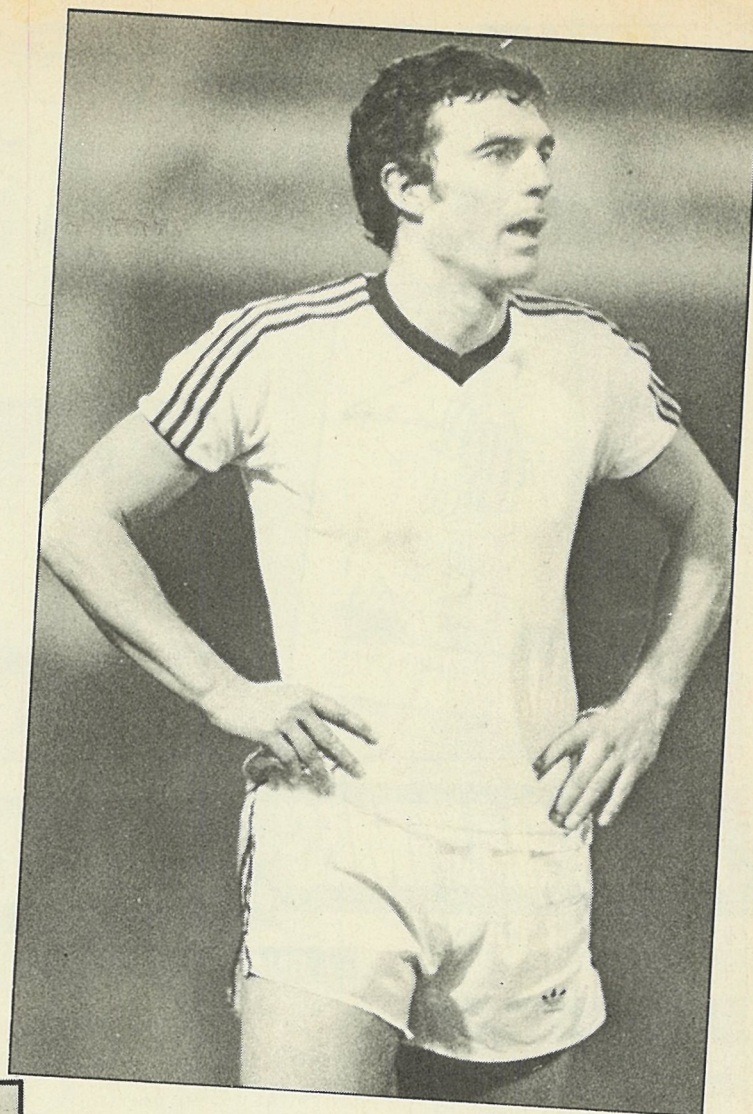
WHY, oh why, is Ray Clemence still the England goalkeeper.

In their last two World Cup games against Hungary and Switzerland, he was, to put it mildly, pathetic.

John Bond was right when he said that Joe Corrigan should have replaced Clemence at half time in the Hungary match.

Clemence must now face the fact that he is past his best and surely Ron Greenwood must surely replace him against Norway for England's sake.

Nick Kirby, Colchester.



Watch West Brom go

NEXT season people will sit up and take notice of West Brom when they challenge for top honours after beating teams like Ipswich (3-1), Manchester United (3-1), Liverpool (2-0) and Spurs (4-2), with the exciting football they played away from home surely their time has come.

Roderick McDowall (13), Warsash, Southampton.

McFarland tribute

IT annoys me to see the move of Roy McFarland from Derby to Bradford City go un-noticed by Match. Had he not had such an unfortunate injury he would surely have been among England's greatest ever defenders. He has been an example to all young players and if he doesn't deserve a tribute then nobody does.

Alan Franks (14), Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham.

● We've already planned a feature on Roy in a forthcoming issue of Match.

'Cut-backs' hard on hard-up clubs

I AM rather concerned at proposed plans to cut down the number of league matches to enable more time for international training.

Not everybody can afford to travel down to London to support England and not everybody wants to either. It's the worst idea yet and especially

hard on clubs who are hard up. Also not every player has the chance to play for his country and it's really unfair of them in cutting the number of games.

Just because a lot of people live in stupid London, it doesn't mean everybody does. Heather Shelton, Sheffield.

IT'S FUN TIME

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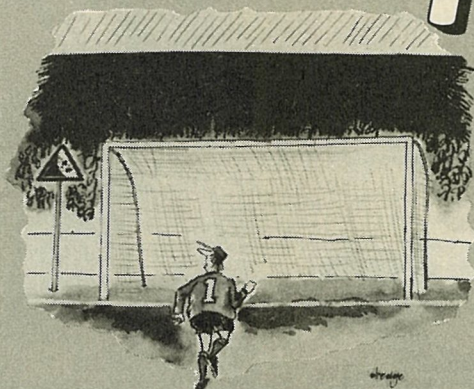
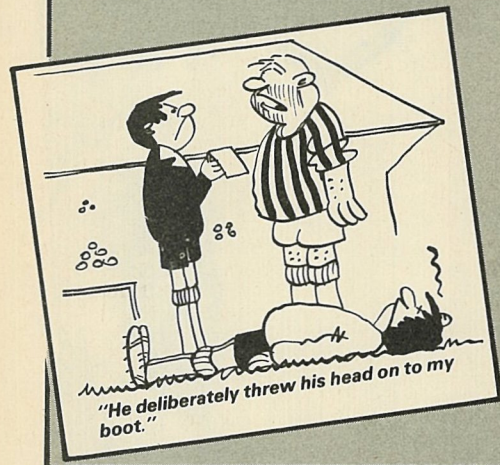
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Boy: "Because they played extra-time."
Irene Scahill (13), Forest Gate, London.

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Gary Chivers in action for Chelsea:
"We ought to have done the pools
last season. We were getting so
many goalless draws it was unreal."

YOUNG Chelsea star Gary Chivers is a utility player in every sense of the word.

Best known as a central defender or right back, he has filled emergency roles in midfield and up front.

But it's as a sweeper that 21-year-old Gary hopes to make his name in the First Division and with England.

"I rather enjoy the utility role. It gives me an insight into every aspect of the game from different positions and widens my experience," says Gary.

"With the reserves not having a very good time last season I was asked to fill in when injuries occurred virtually anywhere in the team.

"But I do prefer playing in the centre of the defence,

particularly as a sweeper alongside big Micky Droy.

Gary got the taste for First Division action two years ago in the season Chelsea were relegated.

He recalls: "Danny Blanchflower gave me my chance in the home match against Middlesbrough near the end of the season and we won 2-1 to end a run of 13 matches without a win.

"I played in the remaining four matches, against Aston Villa, Ipswich, Arsenal and Manchester United, and I knew after those games that the First Division was the place to be."

Since that testing introduction to senior football, Gary has been a regular in the Chelsea side.

"At one stage last season it

looked as though my wish for more First Division football might be granted, but we just couldn't score.

"We ought to have done the pools because we were getting so many goalless draws."

Gary played for South London and London Boys after training regularly at Chelsea from the age of 11.

"Several clubs were interested, but with coaches like Dario Gradi, Eddie McCreadie and Ken Shellito around, I felt Chelsea had more to offer," says Gary.

"I played in their junior sides until being signed by Eddie McCreadie at 16."

Two years later he got his chance in the first team and he took the opportunity with both hands.

WORLD
CUP



Scrapbook

SWITZERLAND, shock winners over England recently, were denied their second successive World Cup win by a late equaliser in Oslo.

Vidar Davidsen saved Norway with an 88th minute goal after Barberis had given the Swiss a 65th minute lead.

So the positions at the bottom of Group Four remain the same with Norway at the foot of the table on goal difference.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Rumania	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Hungary	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Switzerland	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
Norway	6	1	2	3	5	10	4

AUSTRIA returned to the top of Group One with a 5-1 crushing of pointless Finland in Linz.

Prohaska led the way with two goals as the Austrians moved above West Germany who have maximum points from their four matches.

The other goals came from Hans Krankl, Weijl and Jurtin. Valvee scored Finland's consolation goal.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	6	5	0	1	15	3	10
W. Germany	4	4	0	0	11	1	8
Bulgaria	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
Albania	5	1	0	4	3	10	2
Finland	6	0	0	6	1	19	0

CHILE became the second South American country to qualify for the finals by defeating Equador 2-0 and Paraguay 3-1. Brazil are already through to the finals, while the other South American qualifier will come from the group that contains Peru, Uruguay and Columbia.

ITALY refused to change their blue shirts for white for their World Cup clash with Denmark. Two days of discussions and the promise of television payments did not help. They wanted to play in blue and did not care about the TV cameras — and then went and lost 3-1 anyway!

A noisy 50,000 saw the game in which Roentved put Denmark ahead in the 58th minute. Arneson added to the lead five minutes later before Graziani pulled one back for Italy. Then Bastrup scored Denmark's third with three minutes left.

The Italian team had a very familiar look about it with the inclusion of old-stagers like Zoff, Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini, Graziani and Bettega.

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Robbie dazzler!

'I would have settled for 12, but things got out of hand', says 29-goal Cooke.

YOUNG Peterborough striker Robbie Cooke has proved to himself in no uncertain terms that he can score goals in the Football League.

In his first full season, the 24-year-old former heating equipment salesman finished the Fourth Division's top goalscorer with 29 goals.

And that represents a remarkable return to League action for the striker who was snapped up by Peterborough manager Peter Morris for a bargain £12,000 from non-League Grantham at the start of last season.

Robbie's goalscoring escapades have no doubt been noted by Fourth Division rivals Mansfield who allowed him to leave Field Mill three years ago after only 12 League outings.

"I'm not really worried what Mansfield think. All I wanted was to prove to myself that I could score goals in the League," says Robbie whose only previous



League goal was ironically scored AGAINST Peterborough.

"I had scored 80-odd goals in two seasons with Grantham, but I was eager to show that I could do it in the League.

"Quite honestly I would have been content with 12 to 15 goals last season, but things got a little out of hand.

"I know you have got to be in the right place at the right time, but I had some tremendous service and crosses from the lads.

"Last season certainly gave me peace of mind although I realise that people will probably expect the same again next season.

"But that kind of pressure doesn't bother me. I'll simply forget about last season and hope to get off to a confident start like I did last time when I scored in the first four games."

Peterborough narrowly missed out on promotion for the second successive season and Robbie's goal-grabbing ability attracted a number of big club scouts to London Road.

So what of the future? "I suppose it's the next logical step to move up a division or two. I'm quite happy with life at Peterborough, but it certainly would be nice to play in the top flight," he says.

Robbie Cooke — proved himself last season.

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I WOULD like a pen pal who supports Blackburn Rovers. I am 18 years old.
Mansur Kabugo Adams, PO Box 12723TM Street, Nairobi, Kenya.



FULL NAME: John McDonald.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Glasgow, April 15, 1961.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 8ins/10st 2lbs.
MARRIED: No, but engaged to Margaret.
CAR: Ford Capri.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Solo'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Twisted knee.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — for his all round football and ability.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ipswich.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Ossie Ardiles — he seems to have brought a new dimension to the game.
BEST ALL-BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Jardine, Moore, Todd, Sansom, Keegan, Baxter, Bremner, R. Charlton, Dalglish, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Krol, Beckenbauer, Vogts, Breitner, Cruyff, Keegan, Pele, Kempes, Muller, Best.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Aberdeen.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Borussia Dortmund.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Celtic in Dryborough Cup Final.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Davie Cooper's in the above match.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring on my 'Old Firm' debut against Celtic.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Winning my first final with Rangers.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing last year's Scottish Cup Final to Celtic.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and golf.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Concerts and live performances.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and bad drivers.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Not the 9 O'Clock News.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm.
FAVOURITE READING: Sports papers.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Elvis Presley.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Scampi. **DRINK:** Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Canada.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Sophia Loren.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Father, Rangers staff and Tommy Paterson who looked after my game for seven years.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism and bad losers.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Soup.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish youth and under 21 honours.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay in the game as long as possible.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland in the World Cup.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Billy Davies.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Olivia Newton-John.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: To work hard and listen to advice.

JOHN MACDONALD RANGERS



● Spotlight on Arsenal's Eire international DAVID O'LEARY

IN COLOUR

Joe Jordan (Man Utd), Trevor Francis (Forest), Gary Owen (West Brom) and Alan Brown (Sunderland).

● WIN A STEREO RECORD PLAYER Plus 10 super runner-up prizes.

NEXT WEEK

SPURS STAR GLENN HODDLE WRITES ONLY IN MATCH

Another column from the Spurs and England star.

● Matchman of the season Who wins the Second Division crown?

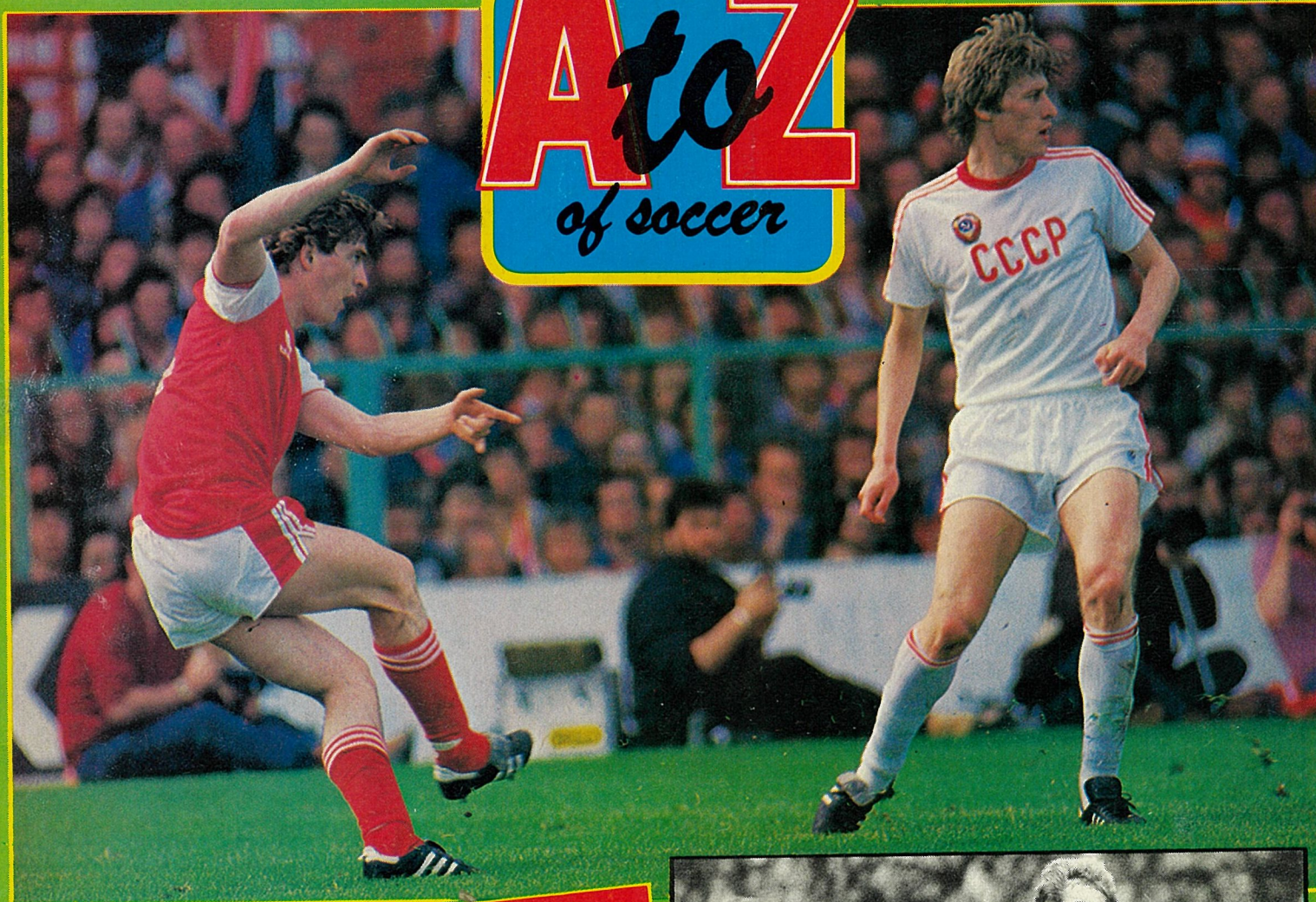
BRIAN CLOUGH

Don't miss the Forest chief's fascinating look at football.

THE PETER WITHE STORY

'The most incredible four days of my life — and why I said no to Everton.'

A to Z of soccer



W IS FOR...

● Second Division champions **WEST HAM UNITED**, who in the past two seasons have had an amazing **WINNING** streak, including the FA Cup Final and League Cup runners-up.

● The babies of the Football League **WIMBLEDON**, elected in 1977 and **WIGAN ATHLETIC**, elected a year later.

● John **WILE**, who has just completed his testimonial year after inspiring **WEST BROMWICH ALBION** to a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

● The players' 'Player of the Year' John **WARK**, whose amazing goal tally of 33 last season played a major role in the Ipswich success story.

● England's 'W' formation against Scotland featuring Dave **WATSON** (Southampton), Peter **WITHE** (Aston Villa), Ray **WILKINS** (Man United) and Tony **WOODCOCK** (Cologne).

● Star 'keepers Jeff **WEALANDS** (Birmingham), Peter **WELLS** (Southampton), Chris **WOODS** (Norwich), Mark **WALLINGTON** (Leicester), and Bob **WARDLE** (Shrewsbury) and strikers Frank **WORTHINGTON** (Birmingham), Peter **WARD** (Forest), Clive **WALKER** (Chelsea) and Ian **WALLACE** (Forest).

● Home of the Cup Finals and England internationals **WEMBLEY** Stadium where **WOLVES** have won the League Cup and FA Cup twice.



Did you know...

● Wolves set up a unique record in season 1957-58 when their first, second, third, and fourth teams were Champions of the First Division, Central League, Birmingham League, and Worcestershire Combination respectively, and their fifth won the F.A. Youth Cup.

● Walsall used more goalkeepers in 1972-73 than any other same season. All these seven played in Division Three: Bob Wesson (23 games), Dennis Peacock (10), Glenn Johnson, John Osborne, and Ian Turner (three each), and Keith Ball and Jimmy Inger (two each).

Above: W is for . . . Ian Walsh, in action here for Wales in a World Cup qualifier against Russia — at Wrexham.
Right: W is for . . . Manchester United and England star Ray Wilkins here challenging Scotland's Asa Hartford at Wembley.